

Waller
Godly Prayers,
 meete to be vsed in these
later times : Collected out of
 the workes of that Godly
 and reuerende Father, Doctor
 Philip Melancthon
 and others :
 Now newly translated in-
 to Englishe.

Seene and allowed, according to the
order appointed.

Iohn.17.

*Verily, verily, I say vnto you, whatso-
 euer good thing you doe aske
 the Father in my name he
 shall giue it you.*

Luke.18.

Pray continually.

*Recordare & redde,
 Simplicitate & sinceritate.*

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To the godly, vertuous,
and right worshipfull, mayster
Philip Sidney Esquire : his humble
and faythfull Oratour. Ric. R. wish-
eth long lyfe, prosperous health, increase
of worship, and the fruition of eter-
nall felicitie in Christ Iesus
our Lorde and
William Saujour. Wallis

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Vent as in that most
cōfortable celestial crea-
ture, the Sunne: there are
three thinges noted (by
the godly learned Doc-
tor Philip Melancthon, in
his Booke, *De communibus
locis*) worthy of cōsidera-
tion, namely: The first, the Beames: The second,
the Light : And the thirde, the vertue or liuely
heate therof. So likewise (Right worshipful) here-
vnto applying the coessentiall Maiestie of God
in Trinitie, hee compareth vnto the Sunne
Beames, *God the Father, As the Father of Light,*
from whome euery good gift proceedeth, Iam. i. Vnto
the light of the Sunne, *God the Sonne, As the ca-*
non of the Creede calleth him, light of light, or as he
is sayde: *The light came into the worlde. Ioh. i.* And
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vnto the vertue or liuely heate therof : God the holy Ghost: As the Angel Gabriel said vnto Mary the mother of Christ: the vertue of the Highest shall overshadow thee. Luke. 1. And yet notwithstanding (sayth this Author) as those three particularities in the Sunne, make but one incorporate substance, so can they not really be perceyued by the outward eye of man, but by the cogitation of the minde. So and in like maner (saith he) are these three persons, but one conuited God-head, which cannot with mans outward eye be discerned, but by the inward eye of eche faythfull minde, as here vnto pertinent: also witnesseth the holy Doctor Saint Ambrose, writing vpon Saint Lukes Gospell. lib. i. saying. God is not seene in place, but in the pure and unpolluted heart, neyther is he heard by speaking, nor perceyued by going, and yet is he seene euen absent, and when he is present, yet not seene. Albeit the sacred Scriptures giue true testimony vnto vs, that it hath pleased this Diuine Maiestie of God the Father, now and then to reueale himselfe visiblye, as first in the creation of the worlde, vnto Adam in paradise, afterwards, vnto Noah, Enoch, Abraham, Moses and other the Patriarches and Prophets, as Saint Paule mentioneth Hebr. i. But in these latter dayes (sayth he) he hath spoken and made himselfe knowne vnto vs by his Sonne Christ Iesus, who being God and man, bare witness of him-

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himselfe, saying : *Who so beleeueth in me, beleeueth not in me, but in him that sent me, and he that seeth me, seeth him that sent me. Ioh. 12.* This was that promised Messias, which also sayde of himselfe: *I am the way, the truth, and the lyfe. Ioh. 14.* And as he was the way to his Father, the truth it selfe, and lyfe it selfe: So gaue he life vnto men. *Actes. 17.* And reuiued the dead to lyfe. *Iohn. 11.* So yet notwithstanding also, *As he was tempted of the Deuill, Math. 4. hated of the wicked worlde, Ioh. 17. persecuted and put to death by the sinfull flesh of those cursed Iewes, Mar. 15. and by his death redeemed mankinde from the bondage of sinne, the snares of death, and tirannie of the Deuill. 1. Pet. 2.* So when he was conuersant here vpon earth, wyth his beloued Disciples, he signified vnto the, *That they should also be hated of the wicked worlde, and suffer persecutions for his sake, and for the profession of his truth, and not only they, but as many as did beleue in him, professe his name, and confesse him vntill the worldes ende: and that contrariwise he sayde. The worlde shoulde reioyce, but be you of good chere (sayth he) For I haue overcome the worlde, Iohn. 17.* Therefore when he forsooke this worlde, and went againe to his Father, he (at the will of his Father) sent them the holy Ghost, the thirde person in Trinitie, and promised Comforter, which discended vpon those his Apostles, when they were all with one accorde making their prayers at Ierusalem.

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Acts. 2. which heauenlye Comforter hath also from tyme to tyme visited the mindes, counsels, and conuerſations of the elect children of God, in his militant Church vpon earth, and faythful congregations diſperſed throughout the whole worlde. Which (as Saint Paule ſayth) *Doth diſtribute vnto every one the meaſure of grace according to his will. Heb. 1.* And after this maner doth the Worde of God, that infallible testimony aſſure vs, that this diuine Maieſtie of the true and euerlyuing God in Trinitie, and Trinitie in vnitie hath bene contemplated wyth the inwarde eyes of faythfull minds, acknowledged with reuerent hearts, beleeued without doubting, feared with trembling, and beloued with conſtant godly zeale. Thus hath this coequall, omnipotent, and coeternall Godhead, exerciſed his faythfull children in all ages, as well in tyme of aduerſitie as proſperitie, in ſickneſſe as in helth: by death as well as lyfe trying them: that thoſe which did faythfully beleeuē in him, and continue in him, *Shoulde haue power giuen them to be made his children. Iohn 1.* That thoſe which right-ly feared him in his iuſtice and iudgementes, *Them hath he pronounced bleſſed for euer. Pſal. 127.* That thoſe which loue him and keepe his commandements, *Them hath he promiſed to keepe and preſerue from all euill. Pſal. 144.* And that euery one which confeſſeth their ſinnes before thys
God,

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God, and truly repent them of the same, To them is he a faithfull and iust God to forgiue them their finnes and cleanse them from all iniquitie. 1. Ioh. 1. And finally that euery one which cryeth and calleth vpon him in truth, Vnto them will he be neare in his mercies, graces, good gifts, and louing kindenesse for euer. Psal. 144. Thus by the eyes of this fayth and faythful prayers did Moyses his chosen seru-
 uant se him, and taste his effectuall promises, to-
 wardes the Israelites in their distressed state. Exod. 3, and 14. Thus by the eyes of this fayth and faith-
 full trust in him, did Abraham and his secede see his wonderfull comfort in all his couenants with them. Gen. 18. Thus did holy Iob in his afflictions flie vnto him. Iob. 42. Thus did sinfull Marye Magdalen see him, and finde consolation. Math. 25. And thus did Daniel in the Lions denne call vnto him. Dan. 6. The three children Sidrach Mysach and Abednego, in the burning Ouen pray vnto him, and prayse him. Dan. 2. In which kinde of conflictes, if euer any nation since the comming of Christ vntill this day, had cause to prayse God for his gracious goodnesse, and pray vnto him for the continuance of his visibie gracious fauour extended towards his: then among other nations, in despite of Sathan, that hatefull Serpent, may Englande at this day in God reioycing, say with godly Iudith and our gracious Soueraigne Ladie Queene Elizabeth
 Now hath God turned the effect of our faithful prai-
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ers vnto good ende and purpose in him. Iudi. 8. Then I say at this day, Maugre the malice of all Belzebubs broode of Iewishe Bariesues, Actes. 13. forcering Simons, Acte. 8. and enuious Elymatists, Act. 13. may hir royall Maiestie, whome God long blesse and preferue, with hir honorable counsaillers, in God reioycing, say with that Princely Prophet Dauid. *The Lorde is our helper, we will not feare what man can doe vnto vs. Psal. 118.* Yea moreouer, the remnant of Gods Church the body of this our common weale, praysing and thanking God therefore in despite of all Deuillishe ydolatrie, and ydolatrous wicked practises, may say and affirme with Dauid. *The Lorde himselfe hath watched and defended our walles in safetie, that no dangerous dart of the enimie coule endamage vs. Psal. 118.* And finally, both Prince and people to the glory of God and comfort of his Church, maye maugre the malice of all our malignant enimies, truely affirme and ratifie with the Apostle Saint Paule. *If God be with vs, who shall be against vs. Ro. 8.* And with holy innocent Iob also, taking hart of grace in his gracious good prouidence from tyme to tyme. *We will pray still vnto the Lorde, who repro- ueth the wise worldlings in their craftinesse, and confounde the counsels of the wicked. Iob. 5.* To the furtherance of which, so good effect (right worshipfull) as euery true subiect is bounden in dutie to doe his best. So I for my part being but one member,

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member, and the meaneſt of thouſandes, yet to my ſimple poſſibilitie, not hauing hitherto with- drawne my beſt good wil, I haue yet once more nowe lately laboured to doe my beſt indeuour therein, in taking vpon me to tranſlate this boke of Prayers into Engliſh proſe and verſe. The late Copie being a collection of Prayers out of the workes of that famous, godly, and reuerende Father D. Philip Melanct. (a Germaine borne as I coniecture) who for his ſaythful zeale to God- wards, and aduauncement of the Goſpell, might be called a Fatherly Phinees in his tyme, and for his ſinguler learning and ſounde doctrine, with life and maners might rightly be called not onelye a ſaythfull Philip follower of Philip the Apoſtle, but of his maſter Chriſt Ieſus. Albeit the Latine Copie hereof, was collected by one, which was ſometime ſcholler of his, who there- vnto adding the prayers of certayne other god- ly Germaines, did alſo ~~ther~~ dedicate the ſame vnto that renowned Duke, Iohn of Sileſwicke, Holſtein and Delmenhorſt, Sonne of the late chriſtian King of Denmarke, a Princely Patrone of ſincere pietie. Which, when I had accompli- ſhed what I coulde therein of my ſelfe, I labou- red yet further therein to the better expectation of all good men, and bethinking me in the pre- ferring therof, vpon ſome one right worthy Pa- trone here in England, moſt oportunately came
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into my minde, the manifold bountie that God by his speciall good gyft hath harbored in your noble heart, so godly and vertuously by al good meanes disposed. Whome as I haue boldly presumed to present with the Patronage herof, as a token of a prosperous good new yeare ensuing, & from yeare to yeare, many prosperous yeares may ensue to our gracious Queene and to this my natue countrey: So doubt I not but your condigne vertues will adorne the same farre better then my poore penne can or may therein satisfie. Thus crauing pardon of your good worship for my boldnesse herein, and beseeching you to accept my slender industrie to the best. I rest heartily beseeching the immortall and euerlyuing God long and prosperously to augment in you his speciall good giftes of grace, the firme fauour of your Prince, and loue of your countrey, and *Nesors* yeares of worldly worship, and true renowme in this lyfe. And finally, the blessed fruition of life and eternall felicitie with Christ, and his elect Angels for euer. Amen.

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out of his Commentary vpon *Saint*
Mathewes Gospell.



In making our Prayers let
vs keepe this order. First, let
vs recite the Creede of the Apo-
stles, that we may consider the
better, what God we ought to
call vpon, & speake vnto in our Prayers, & so
may make a difference & seperation, betwene
our prayer and the praier of the heathen: Also
that by Faith we may beholde the promises
made vnto the Church, by, and bycause of our
Mediator and Lorde Iesus Christ, who for
vs was crucified and rayled againe. Secondly
let vs in an expresse and certaine forme of
wordes, oftentimes giue thanks vnto God,
that we may admonishe our selues of that
thankfulnesse, which with true affection of the
minde, we ought to shewe vnto him: which
thankfulnesse comprehendeth both the hono-
ring of him for his benefites receiued, and also
the care and study of obedience which we owe
vnto him. Thirdely, let vs recite the forme of
praier, instituted by Christ, and make our pe-
titions for eternall and corporall benefites:
Let vs praye that God for his Sonnes sake
our Mediator wil forgive vs our sinnes, that
he will endue vs with his holy spirite, which
proceedeth from the eternall Father, and his
Sonne

Melancthons order of Prayer.

Sonne our Lorde Iesus Christ, and graunt vnto vs eternall life, also true doctrine by him vnto vs reuealed, a right vnderstanding, peace, and prosperous gouernement in our common wealth.

Finally let euery one make their petitions for their priuate & proper necessities corporall, and let them conclude their prayer with this worde. Amen. That is to say, Lorde kinde in vs a constant consent in thy faith, which commendeth vnto God, all perils and euents, & quieteth and cōforteth our harts, that they may rest in cōfidence of his presence, and hope of his deuine helpe: In such Christian & spirituall exercises, is the true vnderstanding and vse of calling vpon God learned, which doth then and not before, waxe sweete to our soules, and bringeth vnto them firme consolation. And the prayer that is made in this order, shall surely be effectuell and ratified. Let vs therefore pray and beseech the Sonne of God, our Lorde Iesus Christ, that he will vouchsafe to communicate vnto vs his great & mercifull benifites, and for the glory of his name, teach and gouerne vs with his holy spirit, and also kinde in vs true inuocation and other vertues which are pleasing and acceptable vnto him.

Amen.

A Prayer for Spirituall
and corporall be-
nefites.



Almighty and ever-
lyuing God, eternall Fa-
ther of our Lorde Iesus
Christ, which of thy great
goodnesse, hast revealed
thy selfe vnto vs, and of thy Sonne
our Lorde Iesus Christ, hast wyth a
lowde voyce, spoken thus, Heare yee
him. *Math. 17.* Thou, the Creator of
all thinges, yea, the conseruer and hel-
per of all, togyther with thy coeternall
sonne our Lord Iesus Christ, reigning
wyth thee, & manifested in Ierusalem,
and wyth thy holye spirite which was
poured forth vpon the Apostles. Thou
which art wyse, good, mercifull, and a
Iudge, stronge and mightie, which hast
sayde, As truely as I liue, I haue no plea-
sure in the death of a sinner, but rather
that he be conuerted & lyue. *Ezechiel. 33.*

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And againe, Call vpon mee in the day of tribulation, and I vvyll deliuer thee.

Psal. 49. And I vvyll poure out vpon the house of Dauid, my spirite of grace and of prayer. *Zachary.* 12. Unto thee, doe I confesse my selfe, that I a most wretched sinner, haue done and committed many sinnes. And I am sorre euen from the bottome of my hart, that I haue offended thee. Haue mercy vpon mee, forgive mee ail my sinnes, and iustifie mee, for, & by thy Sonne our Lord Iesus Christ, for vs crucifyed and rayled agayne, whome thou wouldest shoulde become a sacrifice, as also a Mediator, and intercessor for vs. Sanctifie, gouerne, helpe, and inflame my heart and soule wyth thy holy spirite, that I may truely know thee, and call vpon thee, truely beleue in thee, giue thanks vnto thee, and obey thee. Clouche safe to gouerne and preserue thy holy Church, as thou hast promised, saying. This is my couenant with them. My Spirite which is vpon thee, and my words

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vvords vvvhich I haue put in thy mouth,
 shall not go out of thy mouth, nor out
 of the mouth of thy seede. *Isay. 59.* Let
 thy Gospell euermore shyne amongst
 vs, rule and confyrme our heartes with
 thy holy Spirit, that they be not cary-
 ed away with any euill affections what-
 soeuer. Grant & giue vnto thy Church
 Godly and peaceable pollicyes, and de-
 fende those common weales, which giue
 succor and harbor vnto the same. Helpe
 and further the studyes of such as tra-
 uayle in learning the doctryne of thy
 Church, and other honest artes and sci-
 ences. Giue vnto vs sufficient lyuing,
 strength of bodye, and vouchsafe good
 Lorde to make vs vessels of thy mercy,
 and not vessels of thy wrath. Mitigate
 thy scourges, both priuate and publike,
 for thy sonnes sake our Lorde I E S V S
 Christ, who maketh intercession for vs,
 sitting on the right hande of God the fa-
 ther: That we may in al eternity praise
 thee, and giue thanks vnto thee. Amen.

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A prayer vnto the sonne of God, our
Lorde Iesus Christ.



A mighty Lorde I E S V S
Christ, the sonne of the ly-
uing god, who for vs was
crucified & rayled agayne,
which reygnest at y right
hand of thy father, that thou mayst giue
gifts vnto men, & art apointed an aduo-
cate for vs, which hast sayd, Come vnto
me, all ye that labour, & are laden, and I
vwill refresh you. *Math. 11.* Haue mercy
vpon me, and make intercession for me,
vnto thy eternal father, and sanctify me
wyth thy holy spirit, as thou hast promi-
sed, saying : I vwill not leaue you com-
fortlesse. *Iohn. 14.* Graunt this oh Lorde,
for the glorie of thy holy name. Amen.

A prayer vnto the holy Ghost.



O Holve Ghost, Almightye,
proceeding from the eter-
nall father and the sonne,
which was sent downe
vpon

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vpon the Apostles, whome the sonne of
 God, our redæmer hath promysed vnto
 vs, that he might by thee illuminate our
 harts, with the true knowledge of god,
 and inuocation vpon him, as it is writ-
 ten: I vwill poure out vpon you, my spi-
 rite of grace & of praier. *Esay. 44.* Stirre
 vp we beseeche thee, in our heartes, the
 true feare of God, and true fayth and
 knowledge of thy mercy, which the e-
 ternall Father of our Lorde Jesus
 Christ hath promised vs, for his sonnes
 sake. Be vnto vs a helper and comfort-
 ter in all counselles, and daungers, and
 so endue our minds with thy grace, that
 we may with true obedience, glorify the
 father of our Lorde Jesus Christ, and
 bys sonne our Redæmer, and
 thee also for euer and
 euer. Amen.

A prayer and thankesgyuing to be
 sayde, at the receyuing of
 the Lords supper.

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Almighty God, eternal father of our Lord I E S V S Christ, maker & preseruer of all things, with thy coeternal Sonne our Lord Jesus Christ, and with thy holy spirit, haue mercy vpon vs, for Jesus Christ thy sons sake: whome by thy wonderful and unspeakable determination, thou wouldest haue made a sacrifice for our sins, and didst therby shew thy wrath against Sinne, and thy exceeding mercy towards mankind. I beseech thee, sanctifie, gouerne, and helpe me with thy holy Spirit. Protect and defende thy Church, & those comon weales which are harbourers and relaxers of the same. I giue thanks vnto thee, Almighty God, everlasting father of our Lord Jesus christ, maker and conseruer of all thinges, together with thy coeternall Sonne our Lorde Jesus Christ, and thy holy Spirit, that of thy great goodnesse, thou hast manifested thy selfe vnto thy Church,

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and hast sent thy sonne our Lorde Ie-
sus Christ, that he might be made a sa-
crifice for vs, and that through him, re-
mission of our sinnes, and eternall lyfe
myght be gyuen vnto vs. And also for
that thou doest make vs partakers of
these thy great benefites, by thy Gospel
and sacraments, and preservest the mi-
nisterie of thy Gospel, and thy holye
Church, not suffering them to be extin-
guished or ouerthrowne. I woulde that
we coulde with an ardent minde ducly
considre and set forth this thy so great
goodnesse, and exceeding benefits. But I
humbly beseech thee, to inflame vs with
thy holy spirite, that we may haue true
and thankfull mindes towards thee, and
that thankfulness maye apparantlye
shine forth in our lyues and conuersati-
ons. And vnto thee also, O Iesu Christ
the sonne of God, who was crucified and
raysed againe for our sakes: I render
thankes for that of thy great loue to-
wardes vs, thou hast made intercession

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vnto thy eternall father, for mankinde,
and was made a sacrifice for vs, and
hast taken vpon thee the heauye displea-
sure of God, for our offences. Lyghten
our hearts, I beseeche thee, that we may
still more perceyue and feele this thy
great benefites towarde vs, and euer
more honour thee with true thankeful-
nesse. Amen.

A prayer vnto the sonne of God,
for defence from the snares
and deceyts of the
Deuill.



Call vppon thee, I E S V S
christ, the sonne of the liuing
God, who was crucified &
raysed agayne for vs, thou
that art the worde and liuely ymage of
thy euerlasting father, which hast sayd:
Come vnto me, all yee that labour, and
are laden, and I vwill refresh you. *Mat. 11.*
Haue mercy vpon me, and make inter-
cession for me, vnto thy eternall father,
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sanctifie and gouerne me with thy holpe
 Spirite, defende me against the Deuil,
 against lying spirits, and those thy mā-
 quelling enemies. Graunt this, O sonne
 of God, for the glorie of thy holy name.
 Amen.

A thankesgyuing, for benefites
 Spirituall, and cor-
 porall.



Render thanks vnto thee,
 Almightye and euerlyuing
 God, eternall father of our
 Lorde Iesus Christ, ma-
 ker, consecuer, and helper of al, with thy
 Coeternall Sonne our Lorde Iesus
 Christ, who was manifested in Jerusa-
 lem, and with thy holpe Spirite, which
 was poured out vpon the Apostles. For
 that of thy exceeding goodnesse, thou hast
 by certaine and euident testimonies, re-
 uealed thy self vnto vs, and for that thou
 hast prepared and chosen to thy selfe a
 perpetuall Church, and hast vouched-
 safe

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safe to giue thy onely sonne our Lord, to
become a sacrifice for our finnes, hast
giuen vnto vs thy Gospell, and holy spi-
rite, forgyuest vs our finnes, and deli-
uerest vs from the power of the Deuil,
and from eternall death: doest giue vn-
to vs life euerlasting, and hast hitherto
bestowed vpon vs in this life, many and
great benefits, hast also granted vs life,
liuing, learning, quiet & peaceable dwel-
ling, and hast mercifullys mitigated the
scourges and punishments, which we
haue deserued. To thee also doe I ren-
der thanks, O Lord Iesus Chryst,
which for vs was crucified, and raysed
from death to life, which art Emanuel,
God vvith vs. *Mat. 1.* For that thou hast
taken vpon thee the nature of man, and
didst suffer death, & rosest againe for our
sakes, hast redeemed vs, doest preserve
and defende thy Church, against the de-
uilles thine enemies, doest both giue vs
and oftentimes encrease amongst vs
the light of thy Gospel, forgyuest vs our
finnes,

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sinnes, and gyuest vs lyfe euerlasting :
 and for that thou art our continual me-
 diator and intercessor, being willing to
 helpe and succour vs, according as thou
 hast saide: Come vnto me, all ye that la-
 bour, and are laden, and I vwill refreshe
 you. *Math. 11.* And vnto thee, O holye
 Ghost, doe I moreover render thanks,
 which art the giuer of lyfe, and which
 was poured forth vpon the Apostles, for
 that thou illuminatest our mindes with
 thy light, for that thou gouernest, tea-
 chest, admonishest, and helpest vs with
 thy counsell, guydest and prosperest the
 labours of our vocation, and sanctifiest
 vs with thy holinesse, vnto life euerla-
 sting. Vnto whome three persons and
 one God, be al honour, glory, and praise,
 both now and for euer. Amen.

The Lordes prayer, briefly
 expounded, so, as the or-
 der of the Prayer is re-
 tayned therein.

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Al mightie and euerlyuing
God, eternall Father of
our Lorde Iesus Chryst,
which of thy great good-
nesse, hast openlye decla-
red thy selfe vnto the worlde, and hast
with a lowde voyce spoken as touching
thy sonne our Lorde Iesus Chryst, in
this maner: Heare yce him. *Ma. 17.* Thou
the Creator and preseruer of all things,
together with thy coeternall Sonne our
Lorde I E S V S Christ, who reygneeth
with thee, and was reuealed in Ierusa-
lem, and with thy holye spirite, which
was poured vppon the Apostles. Thou
which art wyse, good, mercifull, and a
Iudge mighty and strong: heare vs.

Our Father vvhich art in Heauen.

Which art present euery where, which
euery where beholdest & hearest, which
art pacified with vs, through thy sonne,
and by the mediation of thy sonne hea-
rest our prayers.

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Hallowed be thy name.

Bring to passe we beseech thee, that thou mayst be truly knowne, that thy truth may be taught, whereby thy glory maye truly appeare: that men maye rightly call vpon thee, and worship thee. Bring to passe that the word of thy Gospel, may truely, and farre abroad be spreadde, published, and rightly receyued of vs: and that many men maye with true inuocation and obedience, honour God.

Thy kingdome come.

The voyce of thy Gospel being spread abroad, gouerne and guide vs by thy holy spirit, make vs to beleue thy word: Beginne in vs thy kingdome, that wee may be made the heires thereof, and destroy the kingdome of the Deuill, who horribly rageth amongst mankind, and in most places dryueth men into a prophane contempt of God, or worshipping of Idols, murders, vnlawfull lustes, lyings,

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ings, and other detestable crimes. Agaynst these euils, defend vs, O eternall father of our Lorde Iesus Christ, and gouerne vs with thy holy Spirit, according as thou hast saide: I vvill poure out my Spirite vpon thee. *Zach. 12.*

Thy vvill be done in earth, as it
is in Heauen.

Graunt that all men may obey thee, vpon earth, graunt that the pastours of thy Church, Kings, Magistrates, Doctors, Studentes, Citizens, and others, may euerie one in their place & calling, rightly and faithfully performe their offices & duties, and that al men may obey thee, as the Angels in Heauen doe serue and obey thee. It is thy worke to bring to passe in vs, that we wretched, foolish, and feeble persons, shoulde doe those thinges, that are good and healthfull, as wel for our bodie, as our soules. Touchsafe then, that we may not be the instruments of thy wrath, but rather the instruments

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struments and vessels of thy mercyes :
 make vs profitable members of thy
 Church, and let vs not be pernicious or
 hurtfull enemyes thereof. Thzough thy
 helpe, the gouernement of Ezechias is
 prosperous and happy : but the gouern-
 ment of Sedechias is vnhappy, bycause
 he refused thy helpe therein : we doe not
 reiect thy help, but with vnfained hartes
 and teares, doe beseeche thee to preserue
 and protect our Prince, our Churches,
 Doctors, Nobles, Magistrates, Scholes
 and cominaltie, that those things which
 they doe, may please thee, it is thou that
 workest in vs, both to wil and to do that
 which is acceptable vnto thee. For the
 Deuill & wicked men, with great rage,
 practise to worke those things, which dis-
 please thee, they delight in carnall vo-
 luptuousnesse, ydolatry, vnlawful lusts,
 they prouoke wars and tumultes, with-
 out iust cause, and are causers of most
 horrible mischiese vpon earth. But least
 all mankinde should seeme to be created
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in bayne, least all men should doe those things that displease God, thou hast called thy Church, and with thy holy Spirit, doest so trayne & conduct the same, that she maye doe good and acceptable thinges vnto thee, and that she may also publishe and preache thy true doctrine, may rightly heare thee, call vppon thee, giue thanks vnto thee, and obey thee: yea, that she may happily withdraw and plucke away a multitude from the Deuill, and with godly and wholsome counsellors, she may gouerne others, maye maintayne peace and honest discipline, and that euery one in their calling and function, may rightllye and duely performe his dutie.

Giue vs this day our dayly
breađe.

Graunt and giue vnto vs, we beseech thee, sufficient maintenance of lyuing, giue vs peace, protection and good helth, that we maye be able througħly to accomplishe

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plishe the labours of oure vocatyon,
 graunt vnto vs good successe in doing
 our assayes, according to our calling:
 and that we maye bring vp our children
 well in thy feare & fauour: that we may
 liue a peaceable and quiet life, that we
 may be at vnity and con corde one wyth
 an other. Giue vnto vs good pollicie and
 gouernment, that we may be keepers of
 godly orders and lawes, and not such as
 is disturbed wyth seditions, disorders,
 and warres.

And forgiue vs our trespasses.

Wee confesse and acknowledge, that
 we cary about with vs manye sinnes,
 and much infirmitie: For if vve should
 say, that vve haue no sinnes, vve shoulde
 deceyue our selues, and the truth should
 not be in vs. 1. Iohn. 1. And therefore our
 owne vnworthinesse cryeth out agaynst
 vs, and terrifieth vs frō comming vnto
 thee O God, so that our fearefull minds
 flie away from thee: But bicause we doe

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confesse our sinnes, thou art faithful and iust to forgiue vs our sinnes, & bicause thou commandest vs to aske of thee forgiveness of the same, thou wilt graunt it vs for Christes sake our Mediatour when wee doe aske and craue it of thee without doubting. For by this our Mediator, we beleue our prayers shall both be receyued and hearde of thee, we know that this our high Priest maketh intercession vnto thee for vs, and in assurance hereof, doe we come vnto the throne of thy grace.

As vve forgiue them that trespasse
against vs.

It is also thy will that we shoulde forgiue them that offende vs, it is thy will that we shoulde repent vs of our sinnes, & not perseuere in offending contrarie to equitie and good conscience: it is not thy will, that we in our mindes shoulde keepe still the contempt of God, neyther doest thou heare any such sinners, for the
ceremo-

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ceremonies and prayers of them do not please thee, which perseuere and go on still in transgressing against their conscience, thou therfore wilt haue vs to be thoroughly moued to repentance, and to amende our liues and conuersations.

And leade vs not into temptation.

Suffer vs not, we beseeche thee, to be carped away by the Deuill, vnto vngodlynesse and other mischiefes, defende vs against the snares of the Deuill, gouerne vs with thy lyght, and with thy counsels, suffer vs not to fal, being seduced by our owne errors, or driuen ther vnto by the frayltie of our fleshe. Great and wonderfull was the wysedome and vertue of Dauid, and yet we see, that euen he was now & then assaulted, after on sort by the Deuill, & after an other sort by humaine errors, so that he fell from thee: sith therfore, the infirmitie of all fleshe, is great, vouchsafe thou the eternall Father of our Lorde Iesus Christ, to gouerne vs,
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and extend vnto vs, thy wholesome coun-
selles, for the direction of vs in priuate
and publyke affayres, and stablish our
heartes with thy holy Spirite, that they
may obeye thee, that we be not instru-
mentes of wrath, but instrumentes of
mercy, and so remaine profitable mem-
bers of thy Church.

But deliuer vs from euyll.

Finally, we beseech thee, O heauenly
father, that thou wilt deliuer vs from al
calamities of this lyfe, from sinnes, fro
the tyrannie of the Deuill, from offen-
ces, and from priuate and publike mis-
eries. That we together with all thy
whole Church, being deliuered out of
these present encombances, may enioy
the benefite of light, righteousnesse, and
lyfe eternall, and haue the fruition of the
most swete fellowship and company
of the eternall God, and of our
Lorde Iesus Christ.

Amen.

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II

*The same Prayer of our Lorde
somewhat more amplye
expounded.*



Al mightie, eternall, true,
and lyuing God, the eter-
nall Father of our Lorde
Jesus Christ, maker of
heauen and earth, together
with thy Sonne our Lord Jesus Christ,
and with the holy ghost, vnto thee doe I
humbly speake, vnto thee do I pray, and
vpon thee doe I call: to thee doe I flie for
succour, thy mercy & helpe doe I craue
with vnfayned sighings. Heare me ac-
cording to thy promyses, for thy sonnes
sake Jesus Christ our Mediatour. Thou
art, *Our Father*, thou wilt be pacified
with vs, thou wilt receiue and heare vs,
for thy sonnes sake, whom thou hast ap-
pointed to be a reconciliation and at-
tonement for vs. Great, true, and ar-
dent is the loue that fathers beare to-
wardes

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wardes their children, and therfore with
a true affection of mind, doe I come vn-
to thee, most louing Father, who (I am
certainly perswaded) will for thy Sonne
Jesus Christes sake, of thy wonderfull
and Fatherly good will, helpe me in all
daungers, and with thy diuine consolati-
on, mitigate my troubles & sorowes,
Which art in Heauen, that is to
saye, art omnipotent, a helper, and art
truly present euery where, dost also be-
holde, heare, & see the motions & sighings
of our hearts: And such is thy power,
that thou canst assuredly helpe me, for I
doe surely belcue that thou art that one
onely very eternal, omnipotent, liuing,
wise, good, beneficiall, true, sincere, iust,
& a mercifull God, which hast reuealed
thy selfe by our Lorde Jesus Christ, in
the raysing of the dead vnto lyfe, and in
other miracles. Thou both in deede art
wpylling, and also truly able to helpe vs,
and gyue vs lyfe and saluation, for thy
Sonnes sake our Lorde Jesus Chryst,

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*Hallowed be thy name, O Lorde
 God, we beseeche thee, to endue vs wth
 pure, true, and sacred knowledge of thy
 name, gyue vnto vs pure and sincere
 doctrine w^{thout} any absurditie or cor-
 ruption, least that we e^yther imbrace
 errorrs, or intertayne amongst vs the
 worshipping of Idols. But vouchsafe,
 to bring to passe in vs, that we may de-
 uoutly acknowledge thee, the onely true
 God, father of our Lorde Iesus Christ,
 which hast made thy selfe knowne by
 this thy Sonne Iesus Christ, who was
 sent vnto thy Church, from the begyn-
 ning, who was crucified and raysed frō
 death to lyfe. Giue vs grace, that wee
 may truly beleue in thee, that we may
 rightlye call vpon thee, worshippe and
 prayse thee. Keepe vs mercifully vnder
 thy protection, that our mindes be not
 intangled, no: insnared with prophane
 cogitacions, deuilishe and Idolatrous.
 Take away quite from vs, all ydolatrie
 & wicked opinions. Bring to passe, that*

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thou the true God, mayest be rightlve
knowne amongst vs, & wyth true sayth
be called vpon, worshipped and honored
of vs: *Thy kingdome come.* Clouche
safe thou by the ministerie and worde of
thy doctrine, to regenerate, gouerne &
rule vs with thy holy Spirite: beginne
in vs thy kingdome, here in this lyfe,
and make perfite the same after thys
lyfe: Be an effectuall worker in vs, by
the worde of thy Gospell, and acknow-
ledging of thee, inflame our hearts wyth
true sayth, righteousnesse and lyfe euer-
lasting. Destroy the kingdome of the
Deuyll, suffer him not to intangle our
minde with his delusions: and being
once intangled, horribly to dvyue them
vnto all mischiese. Let thy Sonne Je-
sus Christ mightily & effectually reigne
in vs, and make his dwelling wyth vs,
as he himselfe hath promised, saying: If
any man loue me, he vwill kepe my com-
maundements, and my father vwill loue
him, and vve vwill come vnto him and
dvvell

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dwvell vvith him. *Iohn. 14.*

Thy vvill be done in earth, as it is in heauen. O Lorde God, thou thy selfe gouerne and helpe thy functions: so, as in all gouernement, administrati- on, and vocation, thy will may be done, that is, those things may be done, which thou hast cominaunded, and which are acceptable and pleasing vnto thee. That is, that the Preachers and Ministers of thy Church, may teache truly, saythful- ly, and godly. That Kinges, Princes, Counsaillours, and al other, which beare authoritie, may determine and ordeyne all thinges, with godlye and holesome counsailes, may therwyth also gouerne and defende their commo weales. That Fathers and mothers, may haue honest care, that their children be brought vp, instructed and corrected, according to thy heauenly doctrine: that euery one in their state and calling, may rightly and saythfully perfourme their dutie, and all
may

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may remayne conioyned, and knit with
thee, as lyuely members with their true
head : that they all obeying thee, and not
being plucked from thee, maye not de-
part nor wander from their true head.
Take away all offences of Rulers, and
al others, which doe transgresse against
thy will. Suffer not the Devils to sowe
false doctrine, neyther to sprecade abrode
amongst vs any wicked or contumeli-
ous errors against God, whereby they
may plucke men away from God, as
they seduced from thy will, Adam and
Eue, when they had deceyued them, suf-
fer them not, to stir vp (through hatred
of thee) tyrannies, and vniust warres a-
gainst thy will : least that thereby most
sorrowful destructions happen vnto thy
Church, and vtter decaye of good lear-
ning, and godly studies of youth. Gyue
vs this daye, our daylye breade.
Graunt vnto vs, we beseech thee, corpo-
rall commodities, sustaine and preserue
our

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our lyues, graunt vs prosperous health,
 that we maye be able througħly to dis-
 patche the affayres of our vocations.
 Graunt vs sufficient maintenance of ly-
 uing, as meate, drinke, peace, and tran-
 quilitie, godly and holesome gouerne-
 ment in our common weale, leuing a-
 greemēt in the state of matrimony, good
 ouerscers in euery charge, that children
 and youth maye be vertuously brought
 vp. Defende and p̄serue our families,
 our habitacions, Cities and Townes:
 Sende vnto vs apt and naturall seasons
 of the yēare, fruitfulnessse of our fieldes,
 as good increase of corne, & other frutes
 of the earth, which are necessary for the
 sustentacion of our life. Graunt vs good
 successe in the affaires of our vocation,
 graunt prosperous proceedings & euents
 in the administration of politike and do-
 mestical function, prosper vs in making
 contracts, and exercising traffike with
 others. Graunt vnto our small children
 long and happy time of lyfe, gyue them
 bodily

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bodily strength and vigor of witte. And suffer not in these our Countries anye barbarous desolation to happen, cyther by meanes of Turkish, forraine, or ciuill warres & seditions. Defende, and keepe in safegarde, our houses and inhabitacions from perishing by fyre or other casualties. *And forgiue vs our trespasses, as vve forgiue them that trespass against vs.* Thou, O Lorde God, art not ignorant of our manifolde & great sinnes, most greuous slidings and fallinges from thee, for the whych thou mightest iustly cast vs out of thy fauour, forsake vs, refuse to heare our prayers, and not giue helpe and deliuerance vnto vs, but inflict and lay iust punishments vpon vs: But yet notwithstanding, it is a thing acceptable to thee, that we acknowledge and confesse our sinnes, neyther wylt y haue vs to syde away from thee, or to be oppressed wyth desperation: And therefore, acco:dyng
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to the commaundement of thy Sonne,
 with a sure and firme confidence, do we
 come vnto thee, and desyre of thee that
 thou wilt forgiue vs all our trespasses
 and offences, be they great or smal, and
 all our daily faultes and manifolde in-
 firmities, for Christs sake our mediator:
 In deede, our owne vnworthinesse, and
 infirmitie doth crie out against vs, so as
 our fearefull mindes dare not come vn-
 to thee, neither aske helpe of thee, but by
 cause our Lorde Iesus Christ thy sonne
 himselfe hath commaunded vs, to aske
 forgiuenesse of our sinnes, yea, and that
 it shoulde be dayly craued, and for that
 thou hast also comaunded thy said sonne
 shoulde be harde and obeyed, therefore I
 beleene assuredly, that thou wilt forgiue
 vs al our sinnes and offences, how great
 so euer they bee, and wilt not beholde
 our vnworthinesse, and imbecility, but
 thy great and manyfolde mercy, accor-
 ding as thou thy selfe hast swoorne, say-
 ing: As truely as I liue, I haue no pleasure
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in the death of a sinner, but rather that he be conuerted and liue. *1 Zechieel, 33.* It is also thy wyll that we shoulde forgyue those that trespasse against vs, thou wilt that there be righteousnes of a good conscience, & good meaning in vs: And that when we are conuerted, we shoulde cast of all stynes, against conscience, that we doe not nourishe in vs inward hatred, & priuate desire of reuenge, that wee doe not willingly contrary to thy commandementes seeke to iniurye or oppresse others, but alwayes being furtherers of vnyty and concorde among men, & endeavour to take away offences so much as we may. Thou therefore, O eternall father, rule and gouerne vs with thy holy spirite, that we may be truly couerted vnto thee, & acknowledging thy mercye and loue towards vs, may also from the bottome of our harts forgiue our neighbours their offences and infyrmities.

And lead vs not into temptatio,
Suffer vs not wee beseeche thee, to be ouerwhel-

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uerwhelmed, cast vnderfoote and oppressed, when wee are tempted, when the Deuill busily besturreth himselfe to bring perilles, plagues, and destruction vpon our bodie, soules, wiues and children, also, when he endeuoureth to rayse vpper schysmes and contencions in the churches, & to trouble common weales. Moreover, whē as other men, with their counsels and prouocations, go about to entrap & insnare vs in euill causes: Also when being ouercome of our owne infirmitie, are driuen and forcibly moued vnto dishonesty & pernicious practises, for in deede without thy gouernment, safegarde, and helpe, wee by our owne wisdom and counsels, are not able to direct our conuersations, and affayres, nor to remoue dangers frō vs: Neither is any humaine wisdom and watchfulness of such force, as to withstand such a heape of dangers & impediments, neyther can it suffice to direct and rule our lyfe to mainetaine our vocation, to foresee,

humane,

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shunne, and flee from the snares of the deuill, to perceyue and beware of the seducings and mischiefes of men, & finally to vanquish and subdue our owne infirmities, without thy helpe & protection: And to be short, we are feeble wretches, and sone ouerpressed with dyuers and sundry calamities: wherefore, we call vpon thee and doe craue and humbly beseech thee of helpe & protection, and make our petitions that we may be ruled gouerned, & helped of thy sonne our Lorde Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent, that he may be the protectour and defender of thy Church: who hath saide, Without me ye can doe nothing. *Iohn. 5.* Lighten vs we pray thee, by thy holy spirite, that we may walke circumspectly, not as foolishly, but as wise, that both we may be carefull to auoide offences, and also earnest and feruent in prayers. Suffer vs not to be intrapped in the snares of the Deuill, nor to yelde to wicked inclinations, and desires, neyther to fall into
pryde,

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pryde, disdayne, and foolish confidence in
 our selues, neither to be ouercome with
 sadnesse, and desperation, neither yet to
 bee oppressed with other temptacions,
 which are many and dyuers. *But de-
 lyuer vs from euyll.* From eternall
 and temporall, from present and im-
 minent, perticuler and vniuersall euils,
 which may happen vnto vs, except thou
 O God turne them away from vs: de-
 fende vs for thy Sonne Iesus Chrystes
 sake our Lorde from sinne, from the
 tyrannie of the Deuill, and from eter-
 nall punishments. And cast vs not into
 euerlasting destruction, to be tormented
 with the Deuils, and other the vngodly.
 We beseech thee also mercifully to inyt-
 tigate towardes vs, publike and priuate
 calamities, yea, our due deserued pu-
 nishments, and all the miseries and sor-
 rowes of thys lyfe. Suffer not any per-
 nicious practises of the heathen, neyther
 any Deuillish deuises, nor turkish furies

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to afflict and trouble vs. Correct vs, O Lorde, yet in thy iudgement, not in thy furye, least thou bring vs vnto nothing.

Ierem. 2. And when thou art angry with vs, remember then thy great clemency & mercy: So that at the last, sinne being abolyshed, & death destroyed, thou mayest then be all in all, and communicate vnto vs thy wisdom, goodnes, ioy, & life in all eternitie: That we may enioy the most sweet felowship & company of thee, & of thy sonne our Lorde Iesus Christ, and of all thy blessed Angels and saints for euer and euer. *Amen.* Graunt, O

Father, that these our peticyons maye most truely be brought to effect and ratified. And I doe most firmly beleue, that for Christs sake I am hearde, and most assuredlye I trust, that my syghinges nor clamours are not frustrate, vnpromisable, nor vaine: For I knowe that thy will is most seuer, and immutable, to haue vs to call vpon thee, and thou wilt surely heare vs, for the Sonne
Iesus

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Jesus Chrystes sake: for which cause, thou hast also made thy promises, there- withall expressely giuing commaunde- ment immutable, that wee shoulde be- lieue that thou wilt heare vs: I doubt not therefore, but that thou wilt graunt and giue me that, which I doe desire of thee. And further, with seruent affection I pray vnto thee, that thou wilt cōfirme and stablish these beginnings of faith in mee, as that same fearful Wight men- tioned in the gospel, acknowledging the weakenesse of his faith, desired to haue the same strengthened and confyrmed, saying, I beleue Lorde, vouchsafe thou to helpe mine vnbeleefe. *Marke. 9.*

A confession of our sinnes
before God.



A mightie, true, and euer-
lyuing God, eternall Fa-
ther of our Lorde Jesus
Christ, which of thy great
goodnesse, haste reuealed
c. is. thy

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thy selfe, & cryedst with a loude voyce,
as touching thy sonne our Lorde Iesus
Christ: Heare him. *Math. 17.* Creator
of heauen and earth, and of the Church
Angelicall, and humaine together with
thy coeternall Sonne our Lorde Iesus
Christ, who was crucified for our sakes,
and raised from death to life, who is the
Image, & word, sent vnto the Church,
and with thy holy spirite: thou wyse,
true, good, iust iudge, mercifull, sincere,
and bountifull, which hast sayde. As tru-
ly as I liue, I take no pleasure in the death
of a sinner, but rather, that hee be con-
uerted and liue. *Ezechyel. 33.* And mozeo-
uer, Call vpon mee in the daye of thy
tribulation, and I will deliuer thee, and
thou shalt glorifie mee, *Psal. 49.* And a-
gaine, further, I will poure out vpon
the house of Dauid, my spirite of grace
and prayer. *Zachary. 12.* Vnto thee, doe
I confesse my selfe, most wretched sin-
ner, to haue horribly sinned, and I am
sorie therefore, euen with all my heart,
that

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that I haue offended thee. Haue mercy
vpon mee, I humbly beseech thee, heare
mee & iustifie mee, by and for thy Sonne
our Lord Iesus Christes sake, who was
crucified and raysed for our sakes, from
death to lyfe: The worde and eternall
image of thee, whome thou wouldest
should become a sacrifice for vs, yea our
Mediator and Intercessor also: vouch-
safe, I beseech thee, to sanctifie mee with
thy holy spirite, that I may euermore
magnifie thy holy name. Amen.

An other forme of confession before
God, taken out of the .ix. Chap-
ter of *Daniel*.



Almightie, true, and euer-
lyuing God, everlasting
Father of our Lord Je-
sus Christ, maker of hea-
uen and earth, of Angels
and of men, and of all creatures, togi-
ther with thy coeternall Sonne, our
Lord Iesus Christ, and with the holy
c.iii. Ghost.

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Ghost. I call vpon thee with vnfeigned
sighings, and from the bottome of my
heart I confesse that I haue by many
sinnes and errours grieuously offended
thee: and I am vnfeignedly sorie, that
thou art angry with mee, I doe feare
thine indignation, I doe poure forth
my prayers before thy presence, not in
my owne ryghteousnesse, but in thy
great mercy, for thy Sonnes sake our
Lorde Iesus Christ. And I doe beseech
thee, to haue mercy vpon me, & iustifie
mee, and by thy Sonne keepe and pro-
tect mee, teache, rule, and helpe mee,
with thy holy spirite, which procé-
deth from thee, & thy Sonne,
our Lorde Iesus Christ:
to whom be all honour
and glorie, for e-
uer. Amen.

*A Prayer vnto God the Fa-
ther for his Church
being in exile.*

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Almighty and everliving God, eternall Father of our Lorde Iesus Chryst, which of thy great goodnesse, hast manifested thy selfe vnto vs, by thy creatures, and hast abundantly declared thy secret wil towarde vs, as also thy wonderfull and inspeakeable purpose, determined of wyth thee, after a marueylous sorte, before the creation of the world, touching the redemption of mankinde, and the restoring of his nature, corrupted by the fall of Adam, by thy voyce soundyng in Paradise, by setting forth thy holy word amongst men, & giuing thy Sonne for our redemption, being sent from thy owne bosome: And which (of thy Sonne our Lorde Iesus Christ) hast from out of the heaucns cryed wyth a lowde and comfortable voyce, saying. Thys is my beloued Sonne, in vvhome I am delighted; heare him. *Math. 3.* Thou Creator, redeemer, and preseruer of all thynges,
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together, with thy Sonne our Lord Ie-
sus Christ, which raigneth with thee in
equall power, & which hath made him-
selfe knowne in Ierusalem, by teaching
the people, and shewing many & won-
derfull miracles, & with thy holy Ghost,
poured forth vpon the Apostles: Thou
wise, good, mercifull and mighty iudge,
which hast sayde. As truely as I lyue, I
take no pleasure in the death of a sin-
ner, but that he be conuerted and lyue.
Ezech. 33. And which by the mouth of
thy seruant David hast also sayde. Call
vpon me in the day of thy troubles, and
I vwill deliuer thee, and thou shalt glori-
fieme. *Psal. 49.* Touchsafe thou to haue
mercy vpon me, and vpon all the num-
bers of thy Church. Forgiue mee, and
them, all our offences, which we haue
committed either by negligence, or ig-
norance, eyther by omitting that which
we shoulde haue done, or by committing
that which we shoulde not haue done, or
by our owne to much presumptuous
bolde.

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boldnes, as it is incident vnto humaine nature, to be too too weake, and prone to offend & fall. Graunt this I beseech thee, for our Lorde Iesus Christ thy Sonnes sake, whome thou wouldest shoulde become a liuely sacrifice & oblation for our sinnes, as also our mediator, intercessor, and high Priest, according to thy wonderful and inspeakeable determination, that thou mightest declare thy iust and great wrath, towards the sinnes of mankind, and also thy great mercy in redeeming him. Touchsafe moreover, to sanctifie, gouerne, and restore Scholes, which are the treasures of thy Church. And gather togyther the Ministers of thy Church, and other members, which being scattered abroad like windes vpon the face of the earth, doe here & there, liue in exile throughout the worlde, and lye miserably prostrate before thy fete. Touchsafe also to bring to perfection, the marueylous and Godly workes in common weales, and thy Church nowe decay.

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decaying and declining, which thou hast already by them begun, and furthered: take away all offences out of thy church, repress the impiety of Mahomet, and all errors of all other sortes, confirme and inflame our hearts and minds with thy holy spirite, in the true inuocation, and acknowledging of thee. Illuminate moreover, the members of thy Church, with the light of thy Gospell, and word, and rule their hearts with thy holy spirite, that they fall not away into prophane and wicked errors, & giue them a firme spirite, a right spirite, and not such a spirite as shall flee from the conflicts & daungers of their profession: not a doubting nor carelesse spirite, neither a waueryng heart, such as men haue, which trifle, and make a spozte of opinions, and are tossed with euery winde of vaine doctrine. Rule and confirme with thy holy spirite, the hartes and minds of all Princes, which already are, and with thy helping hande, may be the true
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Purles of thy Church, and inclyne the
 harts of the chiefe Rulers vnder them,
 vnto wholesome gouernement, in com-
 mon weales, that they may giue harbor
 & succour, vnto the spouse of thy Sonne
 our Lorde Iesus Christ, and restore a
 godly and wholesome peace, vnto all the
 states of their kingdoms, and to al other
 sortes of men. And vouchsafe also wyth
 thy worde and spirite to comfort al such
 as are in affliction and captiuitie, & en-
 clyne their hearts vnto true inuocation
 of thee, & vnto good frutes of repentance,
 and nourish and defende them. And sith
 thou doest all thinges in thy Church,
 which may tende vnto the welfare ther-
 of. Be thou in the members of thy
 Church, where so euer, lyuing in crole,
 an effectuall wo:ker: Make of them
 whole and profitable instrumentes, for
 common weales, vessels of mercy, and
 not instrumentes of wrath, nor damna-
 tion, neither pernicious and hurtfull in-
 strumentes of thy Church, but make
 them

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them vesselles of thy mercy and grace.
And giue vnto vs all (who praye vnto
thee) thy holy spirite, which may repressse
and restraine in vs all wicked desires:
And so gouerne eur myndes and acti-
ons, that we may continually serue thee
in true acknowledging and inuocation
of thee. We beseeche thee moreouer to
sanctifie vs all vnto lyfe eternall, for the
which we with all other creatures, to-
gether with vs, doe grone, and traueyle
with payne, and which we with deuout
prayers earnestly and dailye doe hope
and lcke for. Amen.

A thankes giuing vnto the Eter-
nall Father.



Almighty, euerliuing and
true God, eternall Fa-
ther of our Lorde Jesus
Christ, maker of heauen
and earth, and of all crea-
tures, also the preseruer of all thinges,
giuer of lyfe, lawe, and wysedome, to-
gether

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gither with thy sonne our Lorde Iesus Christ, the worde and eternall image of thee, and with the holy Ghost poured forth vpon the Apostles: Thou wyse good, true, iust iudge, mercifull, sincere and bountifull, vnto thee doe I render thanks, for that thou hast reuealed thy selfe vnto vs: for that thou hast sent thy Sonne into the Worlde, and wouldest haue him to take the nature of man vpon him, and of thy vnspeakeable wisdom and goodnesse, wouldest haue him become a sacrifice for vs: Thou which gatherest thee thy eternall Church, and for that thou p̄seruest the ministry of thy Gospell, giuest vs thy holy spirite, and doest graunt vs lyfe eternall. Also for that thou giuest vs good thinges necessarie for our bodies, and doest mitigate and take away our due deserued punishments for our sinnes: and finally for all the benefites of soule and bodie which thou bestowest vpon vs. To thee doe I giue all due honour, glory, laude, and

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and prayse, for euer and euer. Amen.

A thanks giuing vnto the eternall
Sonne.



Render thanks vnto
thee, O almightie Sonne
of God, our Lorde Iesus
Christ, the worde and i-
mage of thy eternall Fa-
ther, which for our sakes wast borne of
the Virgine, wast crucified and rayled
from death to life: Thou Emanuel God
vvith vs. *Math. 1.* Which sittest at the
right hande of God the Father, gathe-
ring & preseruing, thy eternal Church,
by the worde of thy Gospell: For that
thou hast manifested the mercye of thy
eternall Father, and his determined
purpose, concerning our redemption,
and hast alwayes gathered together thy
Church, and hast taken vpon thee the
nature of man, for that thou art our me-
diatour, redeemer, iustifier & Sauour:
For that thou art our chiefe Priest, e-
uermore

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uermore making intercession for vs, gi-
 uing vs the worde of thy Gospell, and
 art an effectuall worke by the same.
 Moreover, for that thou forguest vs our
 sinnes, art a kyng, gathering, preser-
 uing and protecting thy Church, and gi-
 uest thy holy spirite vnto them that are
 conuerted vnto thee, and which with
 the worde of thy Gospell doe sustayne
 themselves: For that thou restorest in
 vs righteousness and lyfe euerlasting,
 doest illuminate all men with thy coun-
 sayles, giuest perfect vnderstanding of
 thy word, driuest away the very deuils
 from vs, and giuest all good and necessa-
 ry things for our bodies and soules.

To thee therefore, O Sonne of
 God, do I giue all due honour,
 gloze, laude and prayse, for
 euer and euer.

Amen.

A thanks giuyng vnto the
 holy Ghost.

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Giue thanks vnto thee,
O Almighty, true, & sin-
cere holy Ghost, proceed-
dyng from our eternall
Father, and his Sonne
our Lord Iesus Christ, which was sent
downe vpon the Apostles: For that
thou confirmest, and establishest our
hartes, that they may rightly beleue,
vnderstande, and reuerence thy holy
word, and doest encline them vnto true
prayer and calling vpon God, and vn-
to all good motions agreeable vnto his
holy lawes, and doest sweetely comfort
them, that they may quietly rest in God,
that they may aske and looke for all the
good benefites of God, and for that thou
giuest vs also good things necessary for
our bodies and soules. To thee therefore
with the Father, and the Sonne, be all
due honour, glory, laude, and prayse, for
euer and euer, worlde without ende.
Amen.

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A Prayer vnto God the Father, for the remysion of our sinnes, and for o-ther benefits Spirituall and corporall.



Almightie and true God, eternall Father of our Lord Iesus Christ, which with the same our Lorde Christ, art the Creator of all thinges, and doest assuredly gather thy Church together vnto thee, by thy onely begotten Sonne, through the word of thy Gospel, & not other wayes: I wretched sinner doe cōfesse vnto thee, that by many open & vnknowne sinnes, I haue most greuously offended thee, and therefore euen from the bottome of my heart I am sorre: and I humbly beseech thee, mercifully to forgiue me my sinnes, trespasses, faults, and al other offences, for thy Sonne our Lord Iesus Christ his sake, whome thou hast ordayned my intercessor, and mediator. And
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that also for his sake thou wylt graunt
and giue me eternall life and righteous-
nesse : And gouerne me with thy holyc
spirite, that thou wilt mozeouer in these
our Countreys gather vnto thee thy
Church, defende, teache, and with thy
light guide the same, & protect it against
the Deuill, and also vtterly driue away
all errors, heresies and flattering illusi-
ons from the same. Graunt and gyue
vnto vs wee beseech thee, corporall and
good thinges, necessary for this our life,
make fruitfull the earth for vs, giue vn-
to vs godly gouernours & Rulers, guide
and direct them with thy spirite & word,
giue vs peace and prosper our affayres,
ouerthrowe and vtterly take away by
thy mighty hande, all Idols and tiran-
ny of Mahomet, Turkes and Papists.
And vouchsafe, I beseech thee, to protect
& gouerne me and all my family vnder
thy mercifull tuielon, and make vs all
instruments of grace and mercy, & not
of wrath : that we may honor thee, and
giue

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giue thanks vnto thee in all eternity.
Amen.

A Prayer vnto God the Sonne.



Almightye Lorde, Iesu
Christ, sonne of the Eter-
nall Father, which from
the first creation of man-
kind was of his vnspeak-
able mercy, sent vnto the Church, and
tokest vpo thee the nature of man, in the
wombe of the Virgin Mary, and art or-
dained of the Father our Mediator, re-
deemer, iustifier, & Sauour: Moreover,
gatherest vnto thee thy eternall Church
by the worde of thy Gospel, vnto whom
thou freely gauest righteousness, & life
euerlasting, without any of their wor-
thynesse or deseruings, and hast sayde,
Come vnto me all ye that labour and are
laden, and I vwill refresh you. *Math. 11.*
Haue mercy vpon me, and make inter-
cession for mee, vnto thy eternall Fa-
ther, and sanctifie me with thy holy spy-

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rite,

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rite, gather vnto thee an everlastyng Church, here in these our Countreies, and together with thy eternall Father and the holy Ghost, gouerne and defend vs. I confesse against the Devils, Mahometists, and all blasphemers, that thou Lorde Iesus Christ art the true Sonne of God, & omnipotent: And that thou tokest vpon thee the nature of man, to the ende that this our wretched nature should not vtterly be extinguisht and cast downe: but that we might be made thy members, and the heires of lyfe enerlasting, as thou hast sayde. I am the vine, you are the branches. *Iohn. 15.* Be thou effectually working in vs, that we may call vpon thee with a true faith, and be made the members, wherein thou thy selfe mayest most clearely shyne. And vouchsafe by the worde of thy Gospel, to preache, teache, and stirre vp in our harts true knowledge of God: confirme vs with thy holy spirit, in all true faith, and inuocation vpon God, and in obedience

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obedience that is pleasing and acceptable vnto thee, according as thou hast said Without me you can doe nothing, Io. 15.

Graunt these our petitions, O Sonne of God, we beseeche thee for the glory of thy name. Amen.

A thanks giuing for deuine benefites for the congregating and preserving of Gods Church.



A mighty, true, and euery-
lyuing God, Father of
our Lorde Iesus Christ,
maker of all thinges, to-
gether with thy coeternal
sonne Iesus Christ, & with h^y holy ghost,
which gatherest together a Church eter-
nall, through preaching thy Gospell by
thy Sonne. I giue thee hartie thanks,
for that by thy Sonne sent, thou hast
made thy selfe knowne vnto mankinde,
and hast reuealed thy vnspeakeable wis-
dome, lawe, and Gospell vnto vs, and
callest vs vnto the true knowledge of
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thy word, and vnto the congregation or felowship of thy Church, and graunteſt vs remiſſion of our ſinnes, giueſt vs freely righteousneſſe, & lyfe euerlaſting, for thy Sonne our Lord Ieſus Chriſtes ſake: Giueſt vs alſo corporall good thinges, to the ende, that godly and honeſt ſocieties might be conſerued amongſt vs, & doeſt mitigate thoſe puniſhments which we haue ouermuch deſerued. For theſe, and all other benefites and gifts, I render thankes vnto thee. I confeſſe, and acknowledge vnto thee: that euery good gyft is thy worke, and is by thee beſtowed vpon vs, euen of thy vnſpeakeable mercy towardeſ vs, for thy Sonne our Lorde Ieſus Chriſtes ſake: And with Iacob I ſay: I am not vworthie of the leaſt of all the mercyes, & benefites, vvhich thou daily beſtoveſt vpon mee. *Gene. 32.* I beſeeche thee, that thou wylt henceforth be mercifull vnto mee, that I may giue thankes vnto thee, and honour thee in all eternitie. Amen.

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A Prayer for the gyft of the
holy Ghoit.



O Eternall God, Father of
our Lord Iesus Christ, ma-
ker of heauen and earth, and
of men, and of thy Church
together with thy Sonne and the holpe
Ghoit, we humbly beseech thee, that (for
thy sonnes sake our Lord Iesus Christ,
whom thou wouldest shoulde become a
sacrifice for vs, our intercessor also and
mediator, vnto thee) thou wouldest haue
mercy vpon vs, and ioyne vs vnto thee
with the holy Ghoit, and kindle vs with
true light & righteousnesse: Thy great
liberalitie in giuyng vs the gyft of thy
holy spirite, is celebrated in the saying
of thy Sonne, which sheweth vnto vs,
what and how great desire thou hast to
helpe and succour vs, when he sayeth.
Hovve much more shall your heauenly
Father giue you his holy spirite, vwhen
you doe aske it of him. *Math. 7.* It is

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thy pleasure, that we shoulde aske this good gift of thee, and thou assyrmest that when we aske it of thee, thou wilt most willingly giue it vs. We hope therfore, that our prayers and petitions shall be heard of thee : to whom with thy Sonne and the holy Ghost, be all honour & glory, for euer and euer. Amen.

A thanks giuyng vnto God for the custodie of Angels, and a Prayer for the preseruacion of Schooles, and all such as teache and learne in the Church of God.



Ve giue thanks vnto thee almighty God, eternall and onely Father, of our Lorde Iesus Christ, maker of heauen and Earth, and of all men, and of thy Churche, together with thy Sonne our Lord Iesus Christ, and with the holy Ghost : Thou wyse, true, bountifull, iust, mercifull, sincere, & gracious God, for that of thy great goodnesse, for thy
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Sonnes sake, thou doest gather vnto thee a Church amongst men, and giuest thereunto obedient and pure Angels, as sure shields and preseruers of the same: We most humbly beseeche thee henceforth, so to gouerne and guide vs still. And bicause, we are fully assured, that thou wilt haue thy doctrine taught, and furthered amongst vs, we doubt not but that thou doest fauour the trauayles of suche as doe learne the true knowledge thereof, and the godly order how to call vpon thee. Wherefore, we pray thee so to gouerne the that teach in thy church, and so bryng to passe among them, that they together with thy Angelles, maye sing this Angelicall Hymne, Glory to God on hygh, and on earth peace, vnto men ioye. *Luk. 2.* Let them sing glorie to God, that is, let them be keepers of true doctrine, that thou the true God, thy wrath and mercy (promised for thy Sonnes sake) beyng acknowledged for our sinnes, thou mayest rightly be called

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led vpon and honoured ; Let them sing
peace on earth, that is, let them wysely
foster and maintayne the mutuall con-
sent and agreement in true religion, and
the mutuall societie thereof : Bycause
many through schismes, and contenci-
ons, being entangled with false doctrine
and errours, doe slide away and depart
from thee, and doe ioyne themselues in
felowship with the Devils, which solue
blasphemies against thee. Wherefore,
graunt that with great care and study,
they may indeuor themselves to auoide
discordes and contencions. Let them al-
so sing ioye vnto men, that they maye
chearefully call vpon God, that theyr
prayer be not hindered by any trouble-
some stoppe of worldly action or cogita-
cion, and that their hartes may willing-
ly come vnto thee, which then comes to
passe, when the true knowledge of thee
shyneth abroad, and that the concorde
of thy Church is retayned. Of these spe-
ciall good gyftes of thine, bryng to passe

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(O God) that as well the Doctors and teachers, as the Disciples and learners in thy Church, may be messengers, together wyth thy pure and vncorrupt Angels, graunt this O God for the honor and glory of thy holy name. Amen.

A Prayer for the conseruation of the Church, of the estate of the common vveale and families.

O Eternall God, we humbly beseeche thee for thy beloued Sonnes sake, and to the end that thy glory may be spread abroad and set forth, remember thy great mercy euē in the time of thy most iust displeasure. Preserve vs together with thy Church, and in thy Church: strike not the lande with thy curse, suffer no greuous desolation to take place amongst vs, neither any Turkishe nor barbarous crueltie to enter into these our countries. But preserve thou still good pollitike gouernement amongst vs,

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vs, wholesome and prosperous state of thy Church, and sincerity of publike discipline, protect all our families, make them vessels of mercy, grant vnto them sufficiency of liuing, good successe in the duties of their vocations, and other good giftes necessarie for their bodies and soules. These things, O merciful God, we humbly beseech thee graunt vnto vs, for thy Sonnes sake, that wee maye worthily prayse thy holy name, and honor thee in the Church and congregation of the faithfull, for euer and euer. Amen.

An other Prayer vnto God for the mitigations of his punishments.



Almighty God, Father of our Lorde and Redeemer Iesus Christ, we beseech thee mercifully to mitigate and assuage our miseries and sorowes, for the merits and intercession of thy Sonne, & of thy great goodnesse

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goodnesse spare vs, and the tender flocke of our childezen, and graunt that thy heauenly doctrine may be conserued & furthered in our families: O good, merciful and bountifull God, haue mercy vpon vs for thy Sonnes sake, and graunt sufficient liuing and daily sustentacion vnto vs, and our whole families, vnder thy safe tuition, and preservation, that wee may magnifie thee for euer & euer. Amē.

A Prayer vnto the Sonne of God,
for the preservation of the
Church of God.



Loꝛde Iesus Chꝛist, thou Sonne of Dauid haue mercy vpon vs, forgiue vs our sinnes, and be euer ready to helpe vs, poure into vs thy holy spirite, gouerne and preserve thy Church, protect and defende vs, and our yong childezen, that we fall not into prophane nor wicked practises: Preserve and defend the state of thy Church, that it be not wasted

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wasted through barbarous cruelty: be thou our protector and helper, enflame & confirme in vs thy light, that we may rightly learne thy wholesome doctrine, that we may rightly vnderstande the same, and euer more serue thee in the exercises of true godlinesse. Amen.

An other.



Lozde Iesus Christ, thou Sonne of God, who wast crucified for vs, and rayled from death to life, who sittest at the right hand of thy eternall Father, & raighest with him, who hast said: No man shall take my sheepe out of my handes. *Iohn. 10.* We beseech thee, to gouerne and preserue vs, and suffer vs not to slide away from thee, but keepe & preserue amongst vs thy Church. Be present with vs alwayes, and driue awaye the Devils and wicked spirits from vs, because thou camest into the worlde. To destroy the workes of the Deuill, and
breake

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breake in sunder the serpents head. *Corinth. 10.* Graunt this O Lorde for the gloꝝy of thy holy name. Amen.

A thankes giuing and Prayer for the gift of the holy Ghost.



Render thankes vnto thee, O God, eternall Father of our Lord Iesus Christ, creator of heauen and earth, of al men and of thy Church, together with thy Sonne our Lorde Iesus Christ, and with the holy Ghost, for that of thy great goodnesse and mercy, thou hast so oftentimes manifested thy selfe, and wilt be knowne of vs, & haue vs ioyned to thee, in the true knowledge of thee: hast also sent thy Sonne into the worlde for our sakes, and giuest vs the gift of thy holy spirite, that thereby the true knowledge of thee might be thoroughly inflamed in vs. I most humbly beseeche thee for thy Sonnes sake, to illuminate our harts with thy holy spirit, that we may
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truely call vpon thee, and knowe thee, truely beleue in thee, giue thanks vnto thee and obey thee. Suffer not we be seach thee, the light of thy Gospell to be extingished in vs, by the deceitfull illusions of the Devill: rule and gouerne vs with thy counsell in all our affaires, bicause thy sonne hath promised, that thou wilt giue this thy holy spirit vnto those that aske it of thee, as it is writtē. How much more shall your heauenly Father giue you his holy spirite, vhen you doe aske it of him. *Matb. 7.* Grant this, O God, for thy holy names sake: to whom with thy Sonne, and the holy Ghost, be all honoꝝ and gloꝝy for euer. Amen.

An other Prayer.



God for the gloꝝy of thy holy name, and for thy sonnes sake haue mercy vpon vs, & gouerne vs with thy holy spirite, suffer vs not to be polluted oꝝ defiled with blasphemous doctrin, oꝝ other like

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like finnes, which are not to be forgiue,
as was the finnes of Judas, Cayphas,
and such other like.

Against the enimies of the Church, and
other pernicious perils incident
to mans life.



Eternall God, Father of
our Lorde Iesus Christ, we
beseech thee for the glory of
thy holy name, gouerne, de-
fend and preserue thy Church, the pure-
tie & zelous studies of heauenly doctrine,
good discipline, & godly pollicies: suffer
not we beseech, thee any grauous or hor-
rible plagues to take place amongst vs,
nether any barbarous or prophane wic-
kednes, which is full of abhormination, &
contempt of diuine iustice: graunt this &c.

An other much like the same.



Lorde GOD, mercifully
graunt vnto vs the conty-
nuance of vpriht gouerne-
ment, and wholesome regi-

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ment ouer thy Church, vouchsafe to encline and frame the harts of all men to liue godly, modestly, orderly, circumspectly, and soberly in this life. That we may continually both honoꝛ thee, and also being carefull to order our life & conuersation aright, wee may be stirred vp vnto true inuocation of thee, and other vertues agréable to thy holy will. Amen.

A Prayer vnto the Sonne of God, out of that saying in the. 45. Psal. *Therefore bath G O D thy God, annoynted thee with the oyle of gladnes aboue thy fellowes.*



Christ, the Sonne of the liuing God, our king annoynted with the Oyle of gladnesse, that is, wyth the fulnesse of the holy Ghost: Thou O God that iustifiest thy Disciples, we beseech thee from the bottome of our heartes, to gouerne and sanctifie vs also, and poure
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vpōn vs the flowing streame of thy ful-
 nesse, light, knowldege, & loue of God,
 and so inflame our hearts, that we may
 truely acknowledge, call vpon and ho-
 nor God, the eternall Father of thæ his
 Sonne sent into the Worlde, and of his
 great mercy giuen vnto vs, & by a won-
 derfull bonde, that is to say, by societie
 of our nature, coupled vnto vs. Vnto
 thæ, O Sonne of God therefore, praye
 we on this maner.

*Christ, Sonne of God, annointed with
 the'ternall Fathers spirite:*

*Vouchsafe thy Sociates with the same
 for to annoint and visite.*

A Prayer for the Ministers of the Gos-
 pell, out of these wordes of *Esay. chap. 8.*
Seale thy Lawe in my Disciples. That God
 vvoulde vouchsafe to preferue pure
 doctrine in some men, and be
 an effectuall worker by
 the Ministry of
 the Gospell.

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A H Lorde God, I doe see that horrible darkenesse, and forgetfulnesse of thy worde and doctrine, will henceforth ensue, & that many men will cast away from them the doctrine of Christ, of faith, of true invocation, and worshipping of God, as it came to passe in the dayes of the Pharisees & Saduces, as also at other tymes euen amongst the people of GOD. I am in great dolour and pensiuenesse, for the estate of thy Church: But O God, I humbly beseech thee, suffer not the true doctrine, which thou hast deliuered vs, to be extinguisht and vtterly to perish amongst vs, but preserve the same, that it may be deliuered pure & vncorrupted vnto our posterity. And also we beseech thee, to seale thy Lawe in vs, or thy doctrine prophetically or Apostolicall, least we peruert the worde it selfe, or the naturall and true meaning thereof, making therof contrary and sinister inter-

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pretacions, as the Pharasies in times past did, and as yet, it is vsuall both amongst Iewes and Heretikes: Confirm our hearts with thy holy spirite, that thy truth may shine forth in vs, and that by our faithfull ministry thereof, it may proceede pure and vncorrupted vnto our posterity. Amen.

An other Prayer vpon these vvordes of Christ. *Iohn. 17.* Sanctifie them with thy truth, thy vvorde is the truth.



Onne of God, Iesus Christ which art our high Priest, and makest intercession for vs, vnto thy eternall Father & in thy most feruent prayer, desiredst of thy Father, that he woulde sanctifie vs, through his truth. Before thee doe we present our selues, & with our whole harts beseech thee. To sanctifie vs vvith thy truth, thy vvord is the truth. *Iob. 17.* Preserve thy Gospell, and a true opini-

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on in the minds of those that call vpon thee, and through knowledge of thy gospel, sanctifie vs, neither let our knowledge be ydle, but so inflame our minds and hearts, that in vs, the feare of God, faith and loue may be seruent, and that we be not prophaners of God, and his worde, yea, that we liue not as the heathen and al other wicked ones doe, without any God. But graunt that we may be gouerned of thee, that we may serue thee onely, and moue others to the true acknowledging and inuocation of thee: make vs that we may become the temples of God, & be thou effectually working in vs, & begin to worke in vs lyfe euerlasting. Graunt this O sonne of God, for the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

An other Prayer out of the same words
of Christ, *That all errors maye be vt-
terly taken away and that the
light of the Gospell may
remayne.*

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O Lorde Iesus Christ, Sonne of God, which was crucified for our sakes, and raysed from death to life, thou chiefe Priest of thy Church, wyth vnsayned sighings, wee beseech thee for thy glory, and for the glory of thy eternall Father to deface, & subuert all Idols, conuince and take away all errors, and vtterly confounde all abominations. And as thou thy self hast praide for vs, so vouchsafe of thy goodnesse, to sanctifie vs with thy truth, and in the harts of all men inflame the light of thy Gospell and true inuocation, and incline our hearts vnto true obediēce of thee. That in all eternitie we may thankfully honoꝛ thee. Amē.

An other.

O L D R D Iesu Christ, the Sonne of God, which doest truely gather vnto thee, an eternal church, by the word of thy Gospell, to the ende thou mayest

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aduance and set forth thy truth, and re-
presse all the furious ragings of the vn-
godly: Thou seest, both what and howe
great the enimyes rage and power is
agaynst thy trueth. I most humbly pray
and beseeche thee, for the glorie of thy
name, to aduance thy truth, & gouerne
vs, and enflame and increase in vs thy
light: Destroy also, I beseeche thee, all
false doctrine and blasphemyes, which
many with a detestable & horrible pro-
phaning of thy name, speake and ende-
nouer to defende against thee. Amen.

An other Prayer for protection
against the Deuill.



W e cal vpo thee Iesus Christ
the Sonne of God, which
camest into the world to de-
stroy the workes of the deuill
And to breake in sunder the Serpentes
head. *Ezech. 10.* And I beseech thee, to re-
presse and destroy all blasphemyes and
most cruell spirites burning with behe-
ment

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ment hate agaynst God, and with great
fury ragyng agaynst mankinde, vouch-
safe to preserue thy feeble Churches, and
our families, which flee vnto thee for suc-
cour, askyng protection, helpe, and wel-
fare of thee : that wee maye wor:thilye
magnifie thy holy name. Amen.

A thankes giuyng for the gyft of the
holy Ghost, and the light
of the Gospel.



Ve giue thankes vnto thee e-
ternall Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, together with
thy Sonne our Lorde Jesus
Christ, and with the holy Ghost, as well
for the whole benefite of our reconcilia-
tion, as also for that thy wonderfull gift
and benefite, whereas thou gouernest
vs with thy holy Ghost, and enflamest
in vs the light of thy truth and true in-
uocation vpon God, neyther suffrest vs
to be seduced with bayne and vngodly
delusions. And finally, for that thou en-
clinest

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clineſt our willes, and hartes vnto true obedience, feare of God, fayth and confidence in him, loue, hope, and other vertues: And alſo doeſt begin to worke in vs lyfe & righteousneſſe euerlaſtyng. For the which all honour and glozy be giuen to thee. Amen.

An other thanks giuyng and Prayer
for the ſame gyftes.



Render thanks vnto thee,
O eternal God, for that thou
haſt built vnto thee thy eternall Church, amongſt men,
and haſt ſo oftentimes, and
by ſo excellent testimonyes openly re-
uealed thy ſelfe vnto vs, haſt ſent thy
Sonne, haſt giuen vs thy Goſpell, cal-
lyng vs vnto eternall ſaluation, and gi-
ueſt vs thy holy ſpirit, that he may work
ſuch good gyftes in vs. Wherefore, with
ſeruent prayers, we beſeech thee, that by
thy light, thou wylt illuminate and in-
flame our myndes and hartes with true
knowledge

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knowledge of thee, and sayth touchyng
our creation and other benefites, which
thou hast gyuen vs: That with firme
sayth we may honour thee, & obey thee,
& be made the heyres of thy everlastyng
felowshyp, with thy sonne, in the lyfe ce-
lestiall. Amen.

A Prayer, for vnitie and good agree-
ment of the teachers and learners
in the Church of Christ.



Eternall Father of our
Lord Iesus Christ, which
hast created mankynde,
that thereby thou mygh-
test gather vnto thee, an
eternal Church, vnto whom thou migh-
test communicate thy wisdom & good-
nesse: I pray thee for thy Sonnes sake,
gouerne the myndes of those that teach,
and of those that learne in thy Church,
that there may be alwayes one true, and
perpetuall opinion of thy Gospell, and
of the true catholike church of God, and
that

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that (as thy Sonne prayed in time of his agony) it will please thee to make them all of one mynde in him, and to couple and knyt together with thy holy spirite the hartes and myndes of all those that teache in thy Church: Be thou an effectuall worker by the word of thy Gospel that many may be conuerted vnto thee, and that with true inuocation they may honor thee, and be made heyres of eternal saluation: graunt this O eternal Father for the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

An other Prayer, for the good gyfts
of the body and mynde.



A mighty, euerliuing, and most true God, eternall and onely Father of our Lord Iesus Christ, Creator, conseruer and helper of al, togither with thy coeternall sonne our Lorde Iesus Christ, & with the holy Ghost: Thou wyse, good, merciful, true, iust

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iust & mightie iudge, which louest & hearest vs: We humbly pray and beseeche thee, for thy sonnes sake our Lorde Iesus Christ, who was crucified and raised from death to lyfe, for vs, who is the worde and lyuely image of thee, which was made a sacrifice, and became a mediator for vs, haue mercy vpon vs, and illuminate our hartes and soules, with thy holy spirite, & euermore gather vnto thee thy euerlastyng Church amongst vs, gouerne and preserve it vnder thy tuicion, suffer not the light of thy Gospel to be extingwished amongst vs, but mainteyne and defende the studyes and discipline, of thy heauenly doctrine: protect also and defende the places wherein thy Churches are harboured: Mitigate and asswage those plagues, which wee haue deserued, and in tyme of thy heauy displeasure, thinke vpon thy mercy, that there may alwayes be some Churche, and euery godly congregation calling vpon thee, and honouryng thee, as thou hast

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hast promised saying . For my names sake, vwill I vvithdravve myne indignation and fury, and vvith my prayse vvill I keepe thee in avve that thou perishe not. *Esay. 48.* And seeing thou hast sayd, (For my names sake, for my names sake vvill I doe this, that I may not be blasphemed.) Therfore vvith humble harts, doe we beseech thee, that for the glory of thy name, O eternall God, thou wouldest performe vnto vs these good gifts of thine. That we maye vvorthily magnifie thy holy name for euer. Amen.

A Prayer of yong men vvich are conuerfant in studies of learning.



Call vpon thee, Almighty God, eternal Father of our Lord Iesus Christ, the Creator of all creatures, & conseruer of the same, vvith thy Sonne our Lorde Iesus Christ, and vvith thy holy Ghost : haue mercy vpon vs for thy Sonnes sake our Lorde Iesus Christ, whome

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whome thou wouldest shoulde become
 a sacrifice for vs, and hast ordeined him
 to be our mediator, and intercessor, by a
 wonderful, and vnspeakeable determi-
 nation, that thou mightest both shewe
 thy iust wrath, towarde the sinnes of
 mankinde, and also declare thy great
 mercy towarde vs: We beseech thee
 sanctifie and gouerne vs with thy holy
 spirit, gather, gouerne and preserve vn-
 to thee thy Church, order and directe a-
 right the gouernement of our common
 wealth, giue vs sufficient maintenance
 of liuing, peace, good and prosperous suc-
 cesse in our affaires, preserve our Pa-
 rentes and welwillers in true Godly-
 nesse and prosperous long life, giue vn-
 to vs wholesome and good increase of
 our studies, that we may be a comfort
 vnto our parents, to the glory of thy ho-
 ly name, and that we may in time to
 come be able to serue as profitable me-
 bers of thy Church, and this our com-
 mon weale. Through Iesus Christ our
 Lorde. Amen.

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The last Prayer of *Philip Melancthon*,
vvhich he himselfe vsed of-
tentimes to say.



Al mightie, eternall, true,
and euerliuing God, cre-
ator of heauen and earth,
and of men, together with
thy coeternal Sonne our
Lorde Iesus Christ, who was crucified
and rayled from death to lyfe for our
sakes, and with the holy spirite sincere,
liuely & true: thou wyse, good, mercifull,
and iust God, most bountifull, vnspot-
ted, and faythfull helper: The giuer of
lyfe and !aue, (which hast sayd, As truly
as I lyue, I haue no pleasure in the death
of a sinner: but rather that he may be
conuerted & lyue. *Ezech. 33.* And againe,
Cal vpon me in the day of thy trouble,
and I vwill deliuer thee.) **U**nto thee doe
I confesse, mee most miserable sinner,
to haue offended thee by many sinnes,
and to haue violated thy commaunde-
ments

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ments dyuers wayes . I am soꝝy with
 all my whole hart, that I haue offended
 thee : Haue mercy vpon me , foꝝ thy be-
 loued Sonnes sake our Loꝝde Iesus
 Chꝝist, who foꝝ our sakes was crucified
 and raysed from death to lyfe . And foꝝ
 giue me all my sinnes, and iustifie mee,
 foꝝ the same thy Sonne Iesus Chꝝistes
 sake, who is the woꝝde and liuely image
 of thee, whom thou wouldest should be-
 come a sacrifice foꝝ vs, pꝛa our Media-
 toꝝ, redẽmer, delyuerer, and Sauioꝝr,
 by a wonderfull and vnspeakeable de-
 termination, and by thy great wisdom
 and goodnesse, sanctifie me with thy holy
 spirit, sincere and true, that I may true-
 ly acknowledge thee the almightie true
 God, maker of heauen and earth, and of
 men, the eternall Father of our Loꝝde
 Iesus Chꝝist, & also the same thy sonne
 Iesus Chꝝist, to be thy eternall woꝝde,
 and ymage, and also the holy Ghost the
 true sincere and liuely comforter : So
 that I may truly beleue in thee and o-

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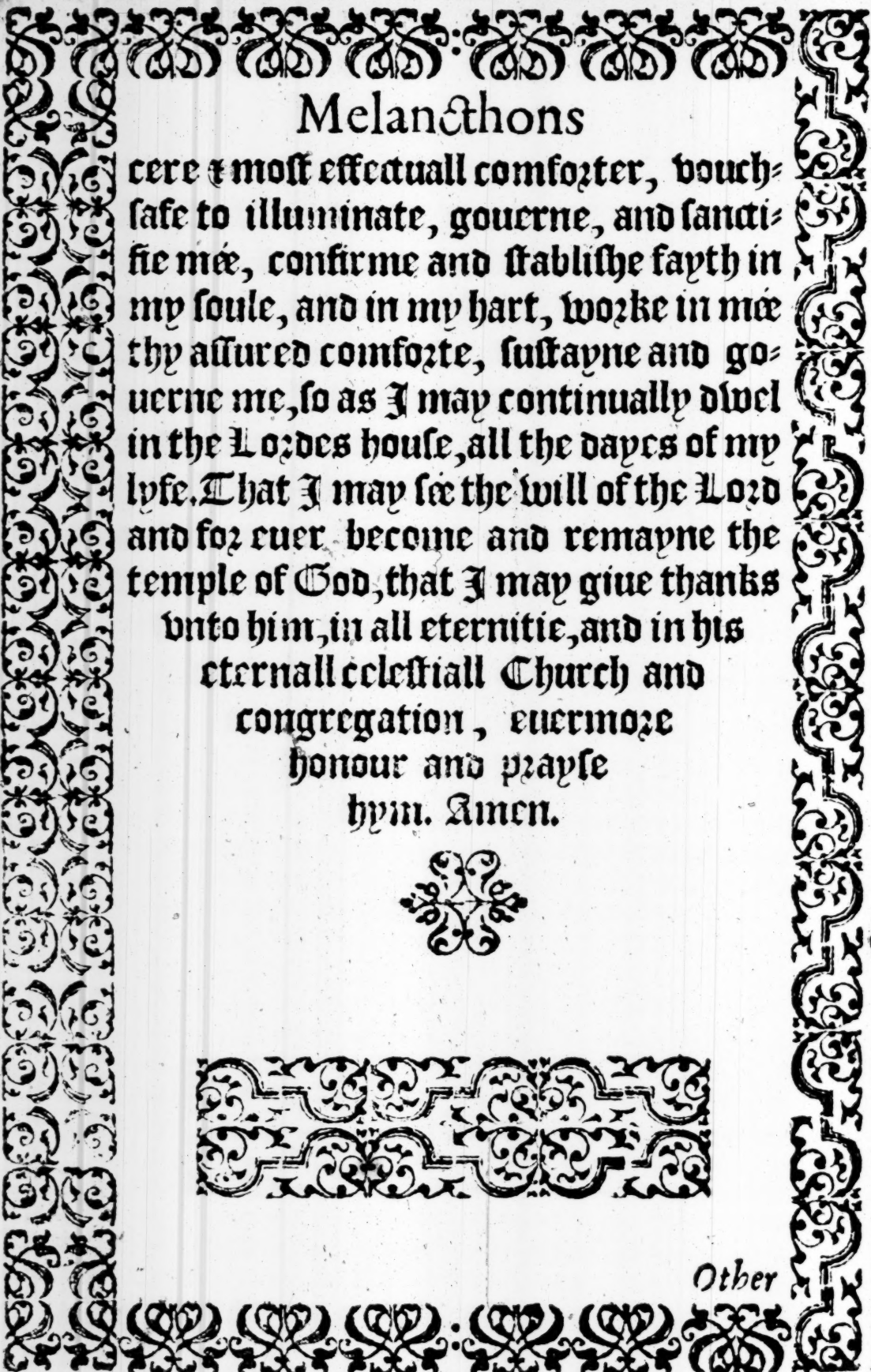
bey thee, that I may truly giue thanks
vnto thee and feare thee, that I may also
truly call vpon thee, and enioy the sight
of thy sauorable countenance for euer-
more. In thee, O Lord, haue I put my
trust, let me neuer be confounded: But
in thy righteousness deliuer me. *Psa. 31.*
Conuert me, O Lorde, vnto righteous-
nesse and life euerlasting. Thou hast re-
deemed me: O Lord God of truth. *Pf. 31.*
Mercifully protecte and gouerne thy
Church, and christian common weales,
and the estate of al Scholes, which seeke
the honour of thy name, and aduance-
ment of thy true religion: giue them, &
euery of them, peace, Godly, and whole-
some gouernement: Protecte and de-
fende our Prince, and Magistrates, ga-
ther and preserue vnto thee a Church, in
these our Countries: Sanctifie & ioyne
vs together with thy holy spirit, that we
may be al as one in thee, in true acknow-
ledging and inuocation of thy Sonne
our Lorde Iesus Christ, by and for the
same

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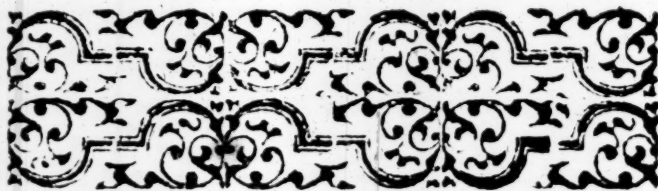
same our Lorde Iesus Christ his sake,
 who for vs was crucified, dyed, and rose
 againe from death to life. Almighty e-
 ternall Sonne of G D D, Lorde Iesus
 Christ, our mercifull redeemer and Sa-
 uiour, the worde and linely image of thy
 eternall Father, which diddest dye and
 rylse agayne for our sakes: wyth my
 whole heart doe I giue thanks vnto
 thee, for that thou hast taken vpon thee
 the nature of man, and becamest my re-
 deemer: and for that thou sufferedst in
 the fleshe and wast rayled agayne from
 death for my sake, and makest interces-
 sion vnto thy eternall Father for mee: I
 beseech thee, graciously to regarde mee,
 and haue mercy vpon mee, bycause I
 am but one onely silly poore soule. En-
 crease in mee, the lyght of fayth by thy
 holy spirite, support and succour mee, in
 myne infirmitie, gouerne, defende, and
 sanctifie mee. In thee O Lorde, doe I put
 my trust, let mee neuer be confounded.
Psal. 31. Almighty holy Ghost, true, sin-
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cere & most effectuall comforter, vouch-
safe to illuminate, gouerne, and sancti-
fie mee, confirme and stablishe fayth in
my soule, and in my hart, worke in mee
thy assured comforte, sustayne and go-
uerne me, so as I may continually dwel
in the Lordes house, all the dayes of my
lyfe. That I may see the will of the Lord
and for euer become and remayne the
temple of God, that I may giue thanks
vnto him, in all eternitie, and in his
eternall celestially Church and
congregation, euermore
honour and prayse
hym. Amen.



Other

Other godly Prayers, by the sayd
reuerend Father Phil. M. And other
vvyters fyrst vvytten in verse
and novv englished, as folovv-
eth in prose.

A Prayer vnto Christ, in the person
of the vveake Church or feeble
congregation.



O Thou Sonne of God, the
wisedome and worde of the
cternall Father, by whom
the world was made, and all
thinges had their perfect creation and
forme: Thou that dispisest not suche, as
be feeble and weake, so as they beleue,
that thou hast offered vp, to the Father,
a suffycient sacrifice for them. We pray
thee, that thou wylt visite, & strengthen
our weake myndes, and gyue prospe-
rous successe to the seede of thy doctrine
now sowne amongst vs: Graunt that
thy wisedome may be thoroughly reuea-
led

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led vnto vs, which may bryng vs to the true knowlede of the Father, and make vs to enioy the most blessed and comfortable sight of hym, when our soules shal be lused out of the pryson of this bodye, and we shall through thee ascende into the heauens: graunt vs these our petitions, O Christ, we beseeche thee, who hast redæmed vs with thy precious bloude, and without whom, there is no saluation. Graunt this Sonne of God we beseeche thee, for thy holy names sake. Amen.

The Prayer of Kyng Iosaphat. *When we knowe not what to doe, we lift our eyes vnto thee, O God.*
Paralipomenon.
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In the darknesse, and doubt- fulnesse of our mynds, (when we are altogether destitute of counsayle & aduysle, what to doe) we lyft the eyes of our harts vnto
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to thee, O God, & our sayth craucth thy
onely helpe. So thou, O most gracious
Father, rule & gouerne all our dowings
by thy grace and holy spirite, that what-
soeuer we doe, it may be acceptable vn-
to thee, and tende to the honour and glo-
ry of thy holy name. Amen.

Ioachimus Camerarius.

The same Prayer of Kyng Iosa-
phat more amplye
set forth.



When the dayes encreasing in
cruell euils, the dayes full of
deceiptes, and threatenyngs
doe grieuouously molest vs,
eyther else the bloudy broyles of cruell
warres, doe yet holde on, to the captiui-
tie of many, whereby peace and quyet-
nesse, is abolished & taken away in some
nations vpon earth, where iustice is not
duly executed, but the innocent are con-
demned, as guilty, and the offendours
are set free, or when mortalitie by cruel

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pestilence, consumeth multitudes, or pi-
nyng fampyne, miserably dissolueth the
lyues from the bodie of others. Alouch-
safe, O mercifull Father, as here be-
wayling such wofull states, to receyue
fro vs our sorowfull sighings, amongst
whom, the cleare voyce of thy comman-
dement and wyll hath bene and is pub-
lished, and bycause in ample blessing
thy grace and fauour hath shyned vpon
vs, and sith by and in thy name, we haue
hitherto prayed vnto thee: Graunt O
God, that we may with sincere hartes
be fired & firmly stablyshed vpon thee,
that we boldly may stand before the face
of thy Maiestie, and we protest vnto
thee, that (except thy grace and fauour,
first through conceyued wrath forsake
vs,) we wyll stande firmly in the state
thou hast called vs vnto, and in thy help
we will take hope vnto vs. And we doe
at this present, poure forth our prayers
vnto thee, crying with a faythfull voyce,
that it woulde please thee to withdrawe
and

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and diuert from vs, the sorrowfull mis-
 haps of so great evils, & that thou woul-
 dest looke vpon those that lye in any such
 kynde of misery: And vouchsafe of thy
 gracious goodnesse, to withdrawe such
 plagues as are amongst vs. Beholde
 Lorde, the day and tyme is now come,
 wherein the furious enemyes rusheth
 vpon, and seeketh with dynt of sword to
 destroy vs, and vtterly would spoile and
 laye waste our countrey. Thy professed
 flocke, is molested with these spitefull
 daungers, the very earth it selfe trem-
 bleth at the raungings of the suck bloud
 Souldiour. The Moabites take them to
 theyr wicked weapons, Ammon cruel-
 ly bestirreth himself to bloody batteils.
 But wo and alacke, to thy flocke if thou
 comest not in the behalfe therof, with
 farre greater power than they both. O
 God, we hartily beseech thee, suffer not
 these Gyaunts thus ragyng, to escape
 unpunished of thee, which muste them-
 selues in so many cruel batteyles against
 thy

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thy holy name. And because the promise
and merciful power of thy slender flock,
is all to little of it selfe, to vanquish so
great force of the enemy, & that so huge
a multitude and power of his, doeth so
farre exceed so slender handfuls of ours:
Whilist, thus the myndes of thy poore
Souldiours, are tossed and overwhel-
med with so great distresse and perplex-
itie, and that our blynde hartes can not
deuyse, what best behoueth vs to doe.
Unto thee, O God, with faythful hartes
doe we lyft vp our fixed eyes. Clouesafe
therfore we humbly pray thee, heare our
sighes and prayers, gouerne thou our
enterprises, and giue strength and cou-
rage vnto our myndes, that whatsoeuer
worke they shall take in hande, or
accomplishe, the same may be
acceptable vnto thee, and
may tende to thy honour
and glory for euer.

Amen.

Iohannes Stigilius.

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A thankes gyuing for the benefite
of Christ borne and giuen
vnto vs.



Almightye, and eternall
G O D, which hast cre-
ated all thinges, and our
heartes and mouthes doe
giue thankes vnto thee,
for that thou doest not leaue destitute
of comfort, nor forsake mankynde, in
the time of cruell death: Neyther suf-
ferest thy likenesse or forme, utterly to
perishe in man: but giuest thy beloued
Sonne for our sakes, which hath also ta-
ken vpon him our shape and forme, who
is the worde of the euerlasting Father,
which was promised vnto the Fathers,
by the name of Syloah, who is our Ema-
nuel (that is) God with vs, who doth not
onely take away the sins of the World,
but also restoreth vnto the Godly those
ioyes that shall neuer perishe, who is al-
wayes present with vs, & doth alwayes
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gather vnto him his flocke, being the worde and liuely ymage of his Father, by whom mankind, was after a strange & wonderfull sorte, reconciled to God: O Sonne of G O D, we beleue these things touching thee, according as thou commaundest vs to beleue: but yet notwithstanding, this is a very small sparke of faith. We therefore humbly beseech thee, graunt that by thy helpe the same may become stronger & greater, and as the shining Sunne spreadeth the beames of his lyght ouer the face of the earth, so doe thou, the Sonne of righteousness, guyde vs with thy light: and suffer not the knowledge of thee nor of thy Father to be extinguyshed in our brestes. Protect those places wherein thy doctrine is truly preached & published. And thou our Emanuell, vouchsafe euermore to be present with vs thy flock to the honour & glory of thy holy name. Amen.

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A Prayer of the afflicted person, taken
out of the parable of Laza-
rus. *Luke. 16.*



A that feeble Creature
Lazarus, molested wth
vicers, and sores, in eue-
rye part of his body, and
as his shrinkyng mem-
bers, perished with consuming famine,
when he lay before the gates of that rich
man, being despised of all men there, &
hauing not any one that relieued and
helped hym: in such case doe I presently
lie, but yet as he being despised of all
men, was through thy fauour receyued
into Abrahams bosme: So in like ma-
ner, I beseeche thee eternall God, let thy
clemency preserue and keepe me, and let
the shadowe of thy right hande, protect
and defende mee silly wretch, that I
may worthily magnifie thy holy name
& power for euer. Amen.

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A Praier vnto the holy Ghost, vpon this
saying. *The spirite of the Lorde,*
breatheth vpon the wa-
ters. Gen.1.

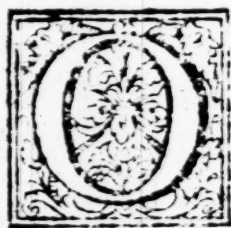


Like as thou the spirit of the
Lord didest foster and nour-
rishe the growyng thinges
vpon earth, when the proper
hande of God, the worker and Creator
thereof, had first framed the same: So
we beseech thee, O holy Ghost, to foster
and cherish those congregations which
learne the doctrine of Christ, & inflame
our hearts with the fire of thy feruent
zeale, to Gods glory and our comfortes
for euer & euer. Amen.

A thanks giuing for the constitution
of Christes Church, and a Prayer
for preservation thereof,
out of the.122. *Psal.*

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O Mightie GOD, which wast reuercyaled vnto vs in the mount Synay, vnto thee doe our harts and mouthes render all due thanks, for that thou establishest thy temple, that it may alwaies remaine vnmoueable, wherein thy doctrine & word may be preached & taught, wherunto the tribes of the Lorde doe resort, to prayse and honor the name of the Lorde. Graunt O GOD, that the onely worde of thy pure doctrine, may here be taught and set forth, which God himselfe deliuered out of the Heauens, that his goodnes may gloriously shyne throughout all the World: and that the great benefites of his Worde, maye be knowne vnto all men, which hath giuen vs life, & hauing forgiven vs our sinnes, saueth vs by a liuely & iustifying faith: Graunt that this fountaine of doctrine, may be pure and vnpolluted, so that God may not be we worshipped of vs, with a fained or false kinde of worship.

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Let vs loue this temple, or house of the
Lorde, and behaue our selues thankfull-
ly towarde the same, which he that shall
dutifully foster, and loue, him shall the
Lorde protect and defend, with his right
hande: I wish thee peace, and prospe-
rous welfare, O thou Church of God,
for euer, which exercisest thy selfe daily
in his holy doctrine, with so Godly a
zeale: And for my Brethren sakes, and
kinsefolkes also, which are in thee, doe
I wish all things prosperous vnto thee,
and that thy prosperity and peace, neuer
fayle nor decay. Amen.

A Prayer for the defence and gouerne-
ment of the Church of God, be-
ing in affliction.



At what tyme, O God,
thou with thy Disci-
ples, Diddest enter into
a shippe at Capernaum,
there arose sodainelye a
storme vpon the Sea. *Math. 8.* Which
greatly

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greatly dismayed thy Disciples, inso-
 much as, haddest not thou bene present
 amongst the, they had ben in great dan-
 ger of perishing: Euen so, O Christ, the
 shep, thy Church and congregation vp-
 on earth, which thou gouernest, is by
 thee saued from perishing: Although, yet
 neuerthelesse shee be soze tossed and sha-
 ken, with the waues of the boysterous
 and surgyng seas. Agayne, though the
 raging wyndes bustle themselues togi-
 ther, stirring vp sharpe and cruell bat-
 tayles on euery syde of hir: Yet O God,
 thy ryght hande p̄serueth hir, though
 shee thus be shaken euen in the mydd of
 the roaryng seas. So that then thou art
 chiefly, the assured trustie anker of sa-
 cred hope, and helpe vnto thy seruaunts
 the Harryners. Wherefore, O mygh-
 tie Capitayne Christ, thou that art the
 lyuely Image and lyght of thy eternall
 Father: we beseeche thee defende & pro-
 tect all those thy congregations, which
 with vnfayned hartes doe learne thy sa-
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cred worde and doctrine, and which of thy gracious Godhead, doe craue helpe and succour, that in all ages, thy holy Church and clea congregacion maye prayse and magnifie thy holy name and mightie power, for euer and euer. Amen.

Innominat.

A thanks giuing and Prayer vnto God, for the benefites of the minerall vaynes of mettals in the earth.



He world dyd not by chance come of certayne moates, as some haue wickedly assey-
med: but it was euen God himselfe, who with his wonderfull wisdom and cunnyng created all thinges, by his singuler prouidence, and made eche thyng to serue for sundry vles and purposes, to the great commoditie & vse of mankynd, wherby in daede, he might be acknowledged for the selfe same wise Creator therof. This thy gracious goodnesse

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nesse, O good God, is ever more to be honoured of vs : graunt therefore that our thankfull myndes may sing due prayes of thy workes. Wherefore, I render thee thanks for this thy great benefite, which I am assured, is the onely worke of thy wisdom where as thou hast dispersed sundry baynes of mettals, within the secrete bowels of the earth. That the same mettals should serue aptly vnto our necessarye vses, where as the mylkewhyte quicke syluer intermixed with brymstonys smoke is boyled : and whercas also the heauenly lightes gyue in theyr powers, to frame other sortes of mettals, & for the furtherance whereof, the fierie bayne here and there brandishing in the earth, much helpeth. But no man can sufficientlye expresse these thy wonderous works, yet are we most assured that all these by thy fauour and prouidence, doe grow and encrease: and also, it is thy pleasure, O good God, that these thy gyftes shoulde be sought for of

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vs, by our owne sweate and paynes tak-
kyng, and thy worde doeth teache vs
the lawfull meanes how to vse the same.
So as in tymes past, thou O benigne
Creator, dyddest commaunde a gol-
den seate, shoulde be made the within
the secreete place of thy temple. Thou
commaundedst two peces of syluer to
be offered, to the ende that the digni-
tie of thy religion should be mayntained
and kept in due reuerence: and thou tea-
chest vs, that it is iust, when due recom-
pence is made. And for as much as thou
allowest the paynes and traueyles, of
suche as delue in the earth, it commeth
to passe oftentimes that thy Church
and congregations gathered and settled
in those places, are faythfull, and well
pleasing vnto thee. For Paule thy Apo-
stle taught and preached thy worde at
Philippos, where at that tyme, was a
very riche bayne of Golde, and of long
tyme encreased it the wealth of that
countrey: how be it, it began by Pauls
doctrine

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doctrine to encrease rycher, when he
 preached both doctrine of manners and
 of fayth vnto the people. Whereby no
 doubt, worthy myndes, may take ma-
 nifolde examples, such as tende to good
 lyfe, which God himselfe well alloweth
 of. That men shoulde hereby acknow-
 ledge, there is one true God, which was
 manifest in the mount Syna, and which
 created and gouerned the whole world,
 and which sent his Sonne to be our re-
 deemer, being bozne of the virgin, which
 is the liuely Image of his eternall Fa-
 ther, and which disperseth abroade the
 worde of his Gospell, euen into the very
 harde and stony harts of men: And that
 hee, (when he soweth his seede) myght
 make the very hilles fruitfull, he addeth
 moreouer vnto thys his worde, eternall
 lyfe, by his heauenly light, and by his in-
 spiration, enflameth the hartes of men
 to beleue the same. Graunt therfore, O
 almightie Creator, that we may be har-
 tily thankfull to the Lorde: which that

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we may be, it shal behoue vs to pray vnto thee, O God, that thou wilt poure out thy light into our myndes, and graunt fruitfull increase of thy benefites vpon earth. Wherefore, O Sonne of God, thou that art the liuely image of thy eternall Father, we beseech thee, preserve and blesse all those countreys & people euermore: And with thy Gospell, gather together vnto thee, thy Church and congregations, and gyue harbour and succour, vnto godly studies, y in all things we may worthily magnifie and prayse thy holy name and mightie power, for euer. Amen.

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Of the sicke mony, and the application thereof.



That same peece of mony called the Sicke (which the Citties of y Hebrues vsed) dooth as it were figuratiuely describe the rightfull offices and functions of

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of Ecclesiasticall persons, vpon the one side wherof, was stamped the flourishing Rodde of Aaron, which admonisheth them to teach pure doctrine, and sound religion, of Gods owne sacred institution: and on the other side, was stamped a Cuppe filled with Frankensence of Saba, which giueth to vnderstande, that they shuld offer their prayers vnto God, as newe incense. Howe be it, before others, Christ our high Priest, the Sonne of the eternal Father, doth these things. He from out of the bosome of his Father reuralet h vnto vs, his Worde, by what meanes, he would restore vs vnto eternall lyfe in hym. This is the flourishing Rodde of Aarons congregation, and which bare the first seede of the Gospel. And this our high Priest, by a wonderfull determination, bring made a sacrifice for vs, payde the full ransom for our sinnes, suffered himselfe to be wounded, & also offered vpon hartie prayers vnto his Father for vs. And by the

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doctrine of his Gospell preached abroad, doeth he gather vnto himselfe a perpetuall Church and congregation, liuely quicknyng our harts by his worde. Who notwithstanding, he giueth these his benefites, euen allwayes to the godly, as he sitteth at the ryght hande of his Father, yet doeth he ioyne in offyce with hym, the Doctors of the Church, as hys comparteners with hym in those traueyles, whome hee iustifieth and appointeth his instruments of his will and worde. So as these shoulde by all care and industry, seeke to knowe the whole some fountaynes of his pure doctrine, and out of the same, to poure forth the pure meanyng of Gods worde vnto his people: and that these should with prayers of our high Priest Christ, ioyne also there continuall sighynges and hartie prayers. Wherefore, O Sonne of God, vouchsafe to pacifie the Fathers wrath towards vs. Defende and protect we beseech thee, O Christ, all those thy Disciples,

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ciples, which indeuour themselves to learne and folow in lyfe and conuersation the rules of thy sacred doctrine. And vouchsafe thou thy selfe, which art the lyuely Worde, euermore to be present with vs, and with thy holy spirite to enflame our hartes, to the honour and glory of thy holy name, for euer and euer. Amen.

A Prayer vnto Christ, for the preservation of his Church.



Christ, we humbly beseeche thee, that thy Church may alwayes rest and remaine vnder thy safegard, and that thy right hande may protect vs, and all those y are planted into the same church, as in tyme of that persecutyng furpe of the kyng of Babylon, thou preservedst those thre witnesses of thy truth: When the tyrannical king saw the their God, euen before his face present, with thy power in thyne Angell, to deliuer those
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thy seruants from that horrible death
and torment: Graunt this O Christ, for
the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

An other Prayer vnto the Sonne of God.

Confesse my selfe vnto thee,
O Sonne of God, that I am
of none effect, force, or ability
of my selfe, neyther (sillye
w, etche as I am) doe I knowe of any
comfort, or helpe, that I haue in mee, to
sustayne my selfe, but onely a lump of
frayle fleshe. Wherefore, I beseech thee,
strengthen my frailtie and gouerne me:
graunt that I may be able to resist all yl
temptations: graunt that my mynde
may euermore thynke vpon that won-
derfull couenant of thine, for in this one
couenaunt onely (no doubt) is founde e-
uerlasting saluation. To thee therefore,
O Sonne of God, with the Father and
the holy Ghost, be all honour, laude, and
glory, for euer, and euer. Amen.

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The same Prayer, somewhat more
amply expressed.



I Confesse my selfe vnto thee,
O Sonne of God, that I am
a sillye wretche, altogether
wretched, not knowyng any
goodnelle or comfort in mee, and am so
sinfull, that there is nothing else in mee
but a lumpe of frayle fleshe. But thou
onely O Christ, art of power, to com-
fort and helpe mee, which wast giuen the
portion of my redemption. Thy death
O Christ, is lyfe vnto mee, thy victorie is
a kyngdome purchased for mee: I dye,
through my sinne, but I lyue, through
thy death and blood shed for mee: Thou
art as wel my Kyng, as my high Priest,
for thou dost willingly for my sake, take
vpon thee both these offices. Thou Al-
mightie Sonne of God, destroyest all
the wickednesse of the olde Serpent,
from whom fully and wholly proceedeth
the originall of all our mischiefe. And
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thou doest, of thy owne pietie towards vs, pacifie thy Fathers wrath agaynst vs, who for thy sake doeth blot out all our offences. I therefore, beseech thee, preserve my soule, which (beyng by thy death redeemed) thou wouldest should by takynge lyfe of thee, lyue for euer. Wherefore, I lyue vnto thee, and I will dye vnto thee, and after that, will I hope to liue vnto thee againe: Because, O Christ, I take holde vpon thee by a true and liuely fayth: Preserve me therfore, O Sonne of God, that I may euermore render thanks vnto thee my redeemer. Amen.

Io. Stigilius.

A Prayer vnto Christ out of the history
of the woman of Canaan.

Math. 15.



What and howe great
was the sorow of the wo-
man of Canaan, which
was grievously vexed
with a Deuill: In suche
sorow

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sozow at this day, is y^e distressed church,
 when it beholdeth the ragyng furies of
 vngodly Princes and Prelates of the
 malignaunt Churche hir aduersaries
 round about hir. But do thou, O Sonne
 of God, we beseech thee, heare the sighes
 and grones of those that pray vnto thee:
 for there can come no welfare nor safety
 vnto vs, except thou giuest vs the same.
 Wherefore, doe thou dzyue away those
 cruell furies from vs, & heale our lan-
 guishyng hartes with thy holy word, al-
 though the iust wrathe of thy Father
 doth often scourge vs, when we are as
 a sort of filthy dogges, runnyng agayne
 to our voynt: Yet as the hungry syllye
 whelpse fearefully stowpeth to take vp
 the cromes vnder his maisters table, so
 when the cruell famyne and dearth of
 thy worde hath almost consumed vs, we
 doe than, O Christ, come to craue re-
 lief at thy table. Thou Sonne of God,
 hast taken vpon thee our nature, that the
 same liuely substance of nature in thee,
 might

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might also sustayne and succour our infirmities. Wherefore, we humbly craue thy mercifull assistance, helpe, and comfort in all our calamities and daungers, that we may worthily magnifie thy holy name and mightie power, for euer, and euer. Amen.

An other Prayer vpon those wordes of Christ. *Let thy loue (wherewith thou hast loued me) be in them, and I in them. Iohn. 17.*



Thou couldest not, O Sonne of God, desire any greater or better thyng of thy eternall Father, than that, with what affection hee loued thee, with the lyke he shoulde also loue vs. Neyther coulde any greater benefite haue bene gyuen vs: for what greater thing can there be, then the loue of thee his Sonne towards vs. Sure it is, that thou makest not vayne intercession vnto thy eternall Father for vs. This thing affirmeth thy Father

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Father himfelfe, faying vnto thee, that thou art the pledge of his loue towards vs, beying fent of him to paye the ransome due for our finnes. We therefore (though but feeble and filthy lumpes of frayle fleſhe) doe yet beleue, that theſe good gifts are giuen vnto vs of thee. And truſting O Chriſt, in thy prayer for our reliefe and comfort, we pray continually amyddeſt all our daungers, that we may be gouerned by thy mightie Father. And vouchſafe thou by thy power, to gouerne and preſerue vs thy weak and feeble ſuppliantes, which wilt dwel in our hartes as the liuely Worde of thy eternall Father. To whom with thee, and the holyc Ghoſt, be all due prayſe, honour, and glozre, for euer. Amen.

A Prayer for the Mornynge, applyed by the Tranſlator in ſome reſpectes for the preſeruacion of our Publique & priuate eſtate preſent.

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Almightie Creator and preseruer of all thinges, besyde whō there is no other God, where as after this nyght passed, I doe nowe enioy the light of the day approaching, I reioyce, and acknowledge herein, that this benefite, proceedeth from thee. Thou first createdst mankind, without any blemishe or spotte of sinne, to the ende he might lyue godly, before the presence of thy Maiestie. But alas, how wretchedly dyd our forefather Adam fall away from thee, howe grievous a thing was it, that he ranne headlong vnto death and vtter destruction, by his owne lewdenesse and folly. Howbeit, thou onely art gracious and good, and as thou conceiuest wrath against vs, not without iust cause, so dost thou quench the same, euen of and for that fatherly loue that thou bearest towarde vs in thy owne Sonne. Therefore of a wonderfull good will, to vs warde, hast thou giuen thy Sonne, that he beyng with-

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out sinne, might beare the burthen of our sinnes. Who beyng for this cause put to death, & made a sacrifice for our sinnes, wyped away all our sinnes from vs, which we haue committed. Therefore, as a perpetuall debtor for this thy benefite, I render vnto thee, great and humble thanks: and as thy suppliant I beseeche thee, in the name of thy beloved Sonne, gouerne and protect mee, and with thy diuine power frame me in all thinges accordyng to thy holy wyll. Make prosperous vnto mee, the beginning, continuance and endyng of this day, that I may wholly depende vpon thee: and that what so euer I shall take in hande, duryng lyfe, it woulde please thee, to direct, order, & dispose the same, accordyng to thy gracious good will and pleasure. And I humbly and hartily beseeche thee, of thy gracious goodnesse, vouchsafe to preserue thy elected hande-mayde, & our most gracious soueraigne Lady Quene Elizabeth, beholde and

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protect hir royall Maiestie, with the constant countenance of thy heauenly loue and fauour, long and blessedly to raigne and rule ouer vs, endewe hir with all plentiful abundance of diuine grace and vertue, shielde hir and vs with thy outstretched arme from all worlde wicknedesse, deuilish malignitie of Sathan, and peruerse impietie of sinfull fleshe, and prosper vnder hir gracious gouernment, the constaunt course of thy holy Gospell vnto the worldes ende: Blesse and illuminate hir Maiesties honourable priuie Counsell, as well spirituall as tempo:all, with thy spirite of grace, wysedome, and the true feare of God, that they may be faythfull stewerdes of God, loyall Pæres to their Prince, and louyng Lords to their countrey, seeking the aduancement of Gods glory, and the welfare of Gods Church and congregation. And vouchsafe to preserue and protect their subiects vnder them, as wel of the tempo:altie, as of the spiritualty,
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and with them also euery other member inferiour of this our common weale of England, that they and euerie of them beyng guyded in hart and conuersation by thee, may serue sincerely in all true godlinesse their Prince, saythfully in all due honour, and vnfaynedly in mutuall loue and con corde loue one an other, to thy honour and gloze, and accordyng to thy holy word. Graunt vnto vs thy chosen flocke, that ioyfull peace which the worlde can not gyue, & vtterly confound all forraine and domestical wicked practises agaynst thy seruantes, that the due gloze of thy Maiestie may remayne in vs and amongst vs inuolable for cuer. In this hope, doe I humbly call vppon thee, O immortall God, reposing my trust onely vpon thy diuine prouidence, and now in thy name will I gladly proceede this day, to take vpon mee the delightfull burthen of trauayle and labour requisite for the present state of my lyfe: and giuing thanks vnto thee for all thy

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benefites which I haue receyued at thy gracious hādes by any maner of waies. I hartily beseech thee to augment in me the benefite of thy graces vniuersally, that I may profitably procéde in al dutifull demeanoꝝ of good life to the honoꝝ and gloꝝ of thy holy name foꝝ euer. Amen.

A Prayer for the Euening.



Now doe I encline myne eyes to take my naturall rest, where, incontinently eche part of my bodie, must become a sleepe: neither know I whether I shall liue to see the dawning of the next day, oꝝ whether else by death, the sister of sleepe, I shall this night be ouertaken, and pꝛeuented. But, vnto thee, O mighty, and inuincible God, in as thankesfull maner as I can oꝝ may, will I render hartly thanks which hast vouchesd safe to pꝛeserue mee this day in perfect health and safetie, so
that

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that no dangers haue hurt nor annoyde me, in body nor soule. Also whereas thou hast restrayned and brieded the fury of the raging Deuill, who goeth about like a roaring Lyon, & seeketh amongst thy people whō he may deuoure: And therefore whiles I lay my self downe to take my quiet and naturall rest, confessyng my sinnes vnto thee, I most humblye craue thy gracious pardon for the same: and thus much like a deade corps, I beseech thee, O my God, with thy protection, to keepe, saue, and defende my body and soule vnder thy custody, & least that while I sleepe, lewde or euill dreames shoulde disquiet my senses: Touchsafe thou to gouerne all the powers of my minde: graunt that thy Aungels may keepe from me the wicked enemy, whose property is to hurt the members of thy kingdome: Thus by thy mighty power I being preserved this night, when I shall wake out of sleepe, and beholde the morning approaching: with a thankesfull

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hart, and mindefull spirite, will I then render due thanks and praise vnto thy holy name. Wherefore permit those daily cares, and encombances of body and minde, to surcease to trouble me for this time, y^e naturall senses take your delightfull rest: and nowe O louing God, by thy permission gracious, welcome to mee is acceptable sleepe, vnder thy protection, who with the Sonne and the holye Ghost, bee alwayes prayesed and magnified for euer. Amen.

A Prayer vnto the Sonne of God.



Sonne of God, which art the liuely Image and Worde of thy Euerlastyng Father, which tookest vpon thee the nature of man, in the Virgins wombe, that thou myghtest suffer, and die for mankinde. The Godly generation of Isaac doe call vpon thee by the name of Sylo, (which is a Messyas or Sauour promised to be sent) for in deede thou tookest

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kest vpon thee, naturall fleshe, according to the wonderfull couenant made by God, with the faithfull, which flesh was lyke vnto ours in substance, and lyke wise subiect vnto paines & punishmēts: But we of our selues are rightly a fraile and filthy fleshe, yea a body guilty of sin, by the offences of our grādmother Eue. Notwithstāding, this our flesh shal liue, whē thou puttst vpon vs immortality, healing vs with thy word, and washing vs with thy bloude. And so in deede are these deuine benefites bestowed vpon vs, when our harts doe learne and obey the law and commaundements of God, made to vs in his worde: **W**herfore, **O** Christ, we beseech thee, defende and protect all those, which are Disciples and learners of thy worde: that thy Schoole & Church, may be chaste and vnpolluted, and make them to encrease daily in the true knowledge of the same. Grant this **O** Lorde, and Sauour Christ, for thy mercies sake and merits of thy pas-

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A Prayer vpon the 23. Psal. *The Lorde
is my Shephearde.*



God is both my shephearde,
and guideth my going, and
as his sheepe at a becke, doe
I followe and feede. This
God, being present with me, there shall
no perillous chaunces hurt me, neyther
shall I want any safegarde or defence:
For when I wander astray from him,
he straightway calling me againe vnto
him, sent me into a faire and greene pa-
sture, & feedeth me with gladsome foode,
& hath brought me forth vnto the cleere
waters, and springes, very comfortable
and pleasant. This my God, doth here
sweetely nourish and comfort my feeble
powers and heare doth he recreate all
the inwarde partes of my Soule: Hee
being my keeper, leadeth me and bring-
eth me into the right path, and sheweth
me the direct way vnto righteousness,
yea,

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yea, he is himselfe called righteous, for
 his name sake: of his owne accorde, doth
 he giue me the strength and armour of
 righteousness. Wherefore, though I
 shall wander farre, in the blinde val-
 ley of death, yet wil I feare no dangers
 of the enemies force, because thou O god
 art with me, because, thou as my shep-
 earde doest both defende and leade me
 thy shepe all the right way. Thy rodde,
 and thy staffe, which are thy weapons,
 doe giue me true comfort, and sweete
 consolation, yea, thy rod, and thy staffe,
 is the power of thy diuine worde, which
 sodeinly shaketh with trembling feare
 the very brassen harts of thyne enemies:
 whiles I doe reioyce at these thinges,
 by thy care and prouidence, there is a
 Princely banquet trimlye garnished, &
 prepared before mine eyes, that euen
 mine enemies, which prepare mischief
 for me night and day, may see the same,
 and in seeing the same, may consume &
 pine away. Thou pourest out vpon my
 heade

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heade thy sweete oyntementes, from
whence euen vnto my whole heart pro-
ceedeth sweete smelling saucours: yea,
moreouer, thou fillest my cuppe wyth
wholesome wine, top full to the brim.
Therefore, whyles I shall fede vppon
this foode granted me, and whyles I shal
liue in the miserable vale of this world,
I beseeche thee let thy grace and fauour
continually be my guide, and let thy fa-
therly care protect and defende me, so
shall I alwaies remaine in thy temple,
+ for euer shall the shadowe of thy house
be my protection, which thou of thy mer-
cies sake, graunt and giue vnto me. A-
men

Io. Stegilius.

A detestation of negligence in praying,
with an earnest exhortation vnto
prayer, out of the 17. Exo.



He cruell Idumean presu-
med to molest and trouble
the Israelits, as they wande-
red through the desarte pla-
ces,

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ces, so that he gathered his armies together to encounter them: But Moyſes being the gouernour of these Iſralites, ſtoode ſtoutely in defence of his hoſt, and with prayers onely to God, fought many great battailes, and ouercame his enemies, ſo often as he held vp his hands to heauen, praying: and perceyued that **G D D**, whome he called vpon, was preſent with him. But ſo oft againe as he let downe his handes the Iſralites had the worſt: Therfore, when as all the daye long the enemye by prayer, was put to flight and vanquiſhed, there was layd vnder Moyſes whiles he prayed, a ſtone, & he ſat downe thereon, & had two to ſtay vp his hands, the one on the one ſide, & the other, on the other ſide. Eue ſo likewiſe as oft as we are ſlacke both in care & prayer vnto God, ſo oftentimes doe dangers, idleneſſe, and ſlothfulneſſe hurt our careleſſe mindes: For through worldely pleasures, doe dangerous annoyces ſome leaſe vpon the negligent

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gent mindes, and very quickly doe they snare and seduce our prompt and prone hartes vnto leuodenesse. Therefore, so many perils happenyng vnto vs in this lyfe, from tyme to tyme, doe exasperate our cares, and are as it were the noysome wayes ready layd forth to our destruction, except with prayer we seek to auoyde and preuent the same. Neyther let any man thinke himself able inough to escape out of these daungers and perils, except God himselfe be his present helper. Wherefore, O mortall man, thou must with a true hart call vpon, and beseech the eternall Creator to heare thee: and yet to please him, thou must go vnto the Alter. Now, there is none other acceptable Alter to leane vpon, whilst thou prayest, but only Christ, his sonne, which by shedding his bloude, hath washed away our sinnes: Upon this Alter laye thy handes, vnto this, wholly prostrate thy hart. For he it is onely that will make our prayers to be acceptable vnto

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unto his Father . To whom, with the
same his Sonne, and the holy Ghost, be
all prayse, honour & glory, worlde with-
out ende. Amen.

Of that saying. *Man of him selfe can do no-
thyng that is good, except it be gi-
uen hym from God.*

Ioh. 19.



N mans indeuour is pro-
sperous or profitable, at
any tyme, if God doe not
gyue him counsaile and
helpe, and further hym in
the same: But than doth he helpe man,
when the mynde beyng perswaded of
dooyng that which is right, he accompli-
sheth that which belongeth to his dutie
prescribed him, and doth also desire help
of Christ, and with vndoubted fayth,
looketh for the same. So shall thy worke
what so euer it be that thou takest in
hande, goe prosperously forwarde, and
be profitable and fruitfull vnto thee and
other:

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other : Neither shall any power or force withstande the inuincible right hand of God : But all things shal presently giue place vnto him. For the very destenyes them selues so seuerely, (when we make our petitions for any thyng, vnto God) shall giue place, yea though they were grauen in the Adamant stone. Neyther is God, a God subiect vnto fatall destiny, as the Stoick Philosophers thought him to be but he can stay the swift courses of the Sunne, and he commaundeth the very floudes to stande as still as the Rockes . To him therefore, for all hys graces and benefites bestowed vpon mankinde, be all honour, prayse, & glory, for euer. Amen.

Phil.M.

A place out of the .49. Chapter of Esay,
touching the Mount Syon . In
the person of the afflicted Church.

After

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After this manner com-
playning, spake the beau-
tifull daughter of Syon,
when in seeking the Lord
God, shee was troubled
with a sorrowfull feare, saying. And hast
thou then forsaken me, suffering so ma-
ny sharpe stormes for thy sake? And art
thou not O God so mynde full nolve of
thine afflicted Church as thou hast bene
before? To hir sayth the Lord God, can
any mother neglect hir owne Infant,
and not pittie the chylde of hir owne
wombe? If yet there be any mother so
stony and hard harted that shee can for-
get hir owne chylde: I notwithstanding,
wil neuer as one forgetful charge
or estrange my loue from thee. But thou
shalt euer more remaine my owne deare-
ly beloued daughter. Lo, I preserue thy
walles with my strength, that I maye
protect thee in stablished prosperity. Be-
holde, I that see all things, haue thee be-
fore myne eyes. Wherefore, as thou art,
so

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so shalt thou be most nearest and dearest
vnto me, for euer. Amen.

An other place out of the. 65.
Chapter of Esay.



Like as the wyse husbände
man, beuoyng his Vineyard
when the vntoward and vn-
seasonable yeare maketh his
Vyntage vnfruitfull, where he seeth a
cluster of Grapes remayning, out of
which some new wyne may be pressed,
sayth vnto his seruauntes, spare it, for
there is blessing in it, there wil be made
hereof some wyne. Euen so, I the God
which geuerne all things with my wis-
dome, whom it grieueth to see mankynd
defiled with such shamelesse sinne, spa-
ryng mankynde in lyke maner, as the
husbände man spared his vyne, will not
vtterly destroye all those which I pre-
sently might destroy. But if there be a-
nye yet remayning, though he be vyle
and defiled with sinne, which may be
fitye

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fitlye reserved for the cure of mee so
 mercysfull a God, him wyll I preserve,
 as the husbände man doth a rare
 Grape, and he shall be par-
 taker with me in my kyng-
 dome for euer and euer.

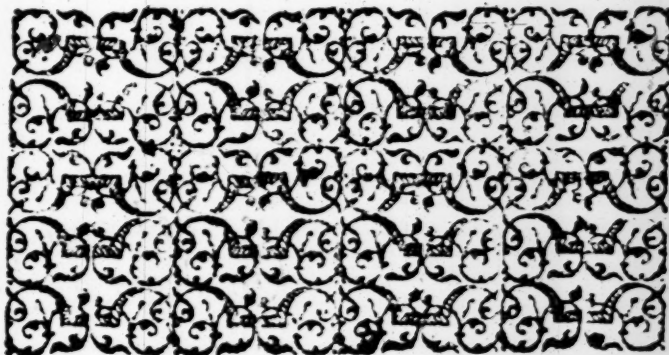
Through Iesus

Christ our

Lorde.

A M E N.

Io. Stigilius.



F.i.

The

The Lordes Prayer translated
out of Latin Iambie
Dimetre.

Our Father which art in heauen.

○ God Father of mortall men,
which hast power ouer earth & heaue,
And are gentle to vs vnkinde:
which of great fault, are guilty in minde,
Thou ioiest of Father, the calling,
And at a becke preseruest all thing.

Hallowed be thy name.

Make knowne thy name amongst all men,
And let thy sweete worde instruct them:
That wee may worship thee alone,
As thou commaundest by thy Sonne.

Thy kingdome come.

Kindle our mindes with the true light,
And lightnesse of thy kingdome bright:
That here begin amongst vs may,
The golden worlde of life for ay:
Confound the enemies powre eche one,
Iniurious vnto thy kingdome.

Thy

Prayers.

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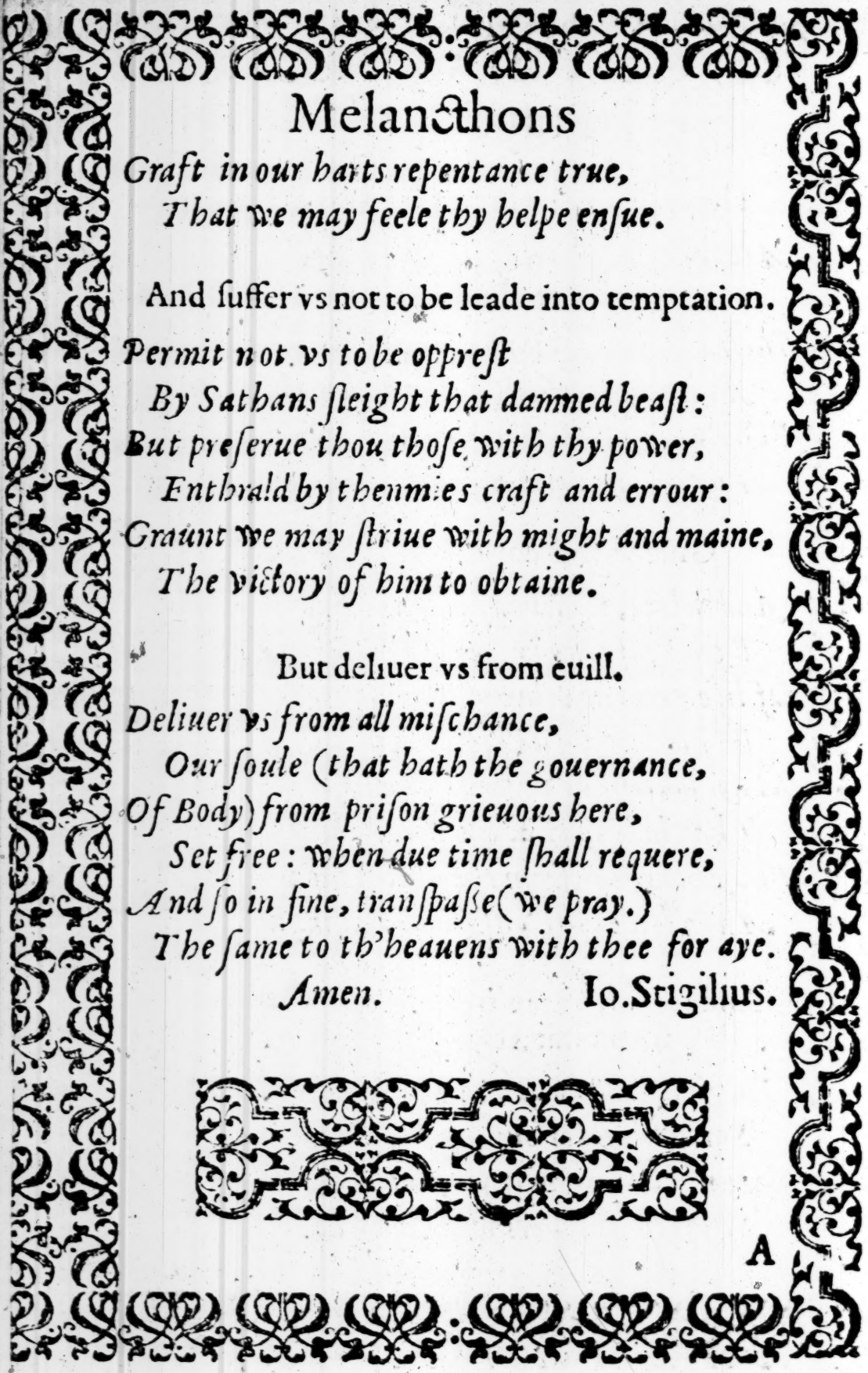
Thy will be done in earth as it is in heauen.
*Aie make our harts stablished to be,
 Vnto those lawes now giuen by thee:
 Such concord graunt of peace, on earth,
 As in the heauens aboue appeareth:
 Eche worke prescribed performe we may,
 To cast our cares on thee alway.*

Giue vs this day our daily breade.
*And while, together here we liue,
 Vouchsafe we praye thee to vs giue
 Of life externe commodities,
 Whereby mutuall societies
 May flourish in vs prosperously,
 That loue may acknowledge dutifully
 These benefites, from thee proceede:
 And yeelde thee vnfeined thanks in deede.*

And forgiue vs our trespasses, as we forgiue
 them that trespass against vs.
*Forgiue vs when transgresse doe we,
 Sorrowing for our sinnes duly:
 Graunt that we may forgiue also,
 So often as others offende vs do.*

.ij.

Graft



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*Graft in our harts repentance true,
That we may feele thy helpe ensue.*

*And suffer vs not to be leade into temptation.
Permit not vs to be opprest
By Sathans sleight that damned beast:
But preserue thou those with thy power,
Entbraid by thenmies craft and errour:
Graunt we may striue with might and maine,
The victory of him to obtaine.*

*But deliuer vs from euill.
Deliuer vs from all mischance,
Our soule (that bath the gouernance,
Of Body) from prison grieuous here,
Set free: when due time shall requere,
And so in fine, transpasse (we pray.)
The same to th'heauens with thee for aye.
Amen. Io. Stigilius.*

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A Prayer for the conseruation of
Gods holy Worde.

PReſerue, O God, thy holy worde,
 Confound thine enimies power echone :
 Which ſeek by fire and bloudy ſworde,
 To thruſt thy ſonne out of his throne,
 Thy powre now therefore diſplay.
 Oh Chriſt which art the king of kings:
 Defende thy little flocke we pray,
 Which holdes the chiefeſt in all things.
 Thou ſpirite which giueſt life to all,
 Graunt quiet peace of conſcience :
 Be preſent with thy ſaints in thrall,
 Which waſtle with deaths maleuolence.

Amen

An other.

PLant vs O God in thee, & keepe thy word.
 The furies of the Turk & Biſhops quell.
 Which ſeek thy ſonne Ieſus Chriſt our Lord,
 Out of his Fathers throne for to expell. (well
 Grant peace defend thine own that henceforth

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All

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*All ages to come, may here, & euery where,
Sing praise to thee, which art our Sauior dere.
Amen.*

A prayer out of the 119. Ps. For the preservation of Gods holy worde, and of his whole Church vniuersally.

THy worde, O father, neuer falles
On vs in vaine, I finde,
Nor neuer leaueth destitute
The hope of Godly minde.
No date of time abolish coulde,
Thy holy worde as yet :
The earth thou so establist hast,
Thereby, it can not flit.
Yea, euen the heauens which wander still,
With restles course about,
The comfortable Sunne also,
That shines eche day throughout:
Thou hast prescribed him his boundes.
How hee may passe, and rest :
For so thy worde preserues and rules,
All things from most to least.
I lately had almost become,

To

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To cruell foes a pray,
 And life, for death exchange had beene,
 As into night the day.
 Had not thy worde alone withstaide
 My wandring soule in time:
 Which doth affirme that thou doest helpe,
 All those of Godly minde.
 This worde of thine hath armed me,
 With confidence in thee,
 And this same medicine hath restorde,
 My former strength to mee.
 Wherefore, I pray thee henceforth Lorde,
 Let no forgetfulnesse,
 Nor yet ingratitude in vs
 Towardes thee be more or lesse.
 And we will sing and still pronounce,
 Thy holy worde to be:
 Thassured port of refuge, for
 All those in misery.
 For in thy worde sweete life I finde,
 Still vnto me restorde:
 We are thy care, on thee we trust,
 Oh Father, Guide, and Lorde.
 All other pleasures therefore shall

Gine

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Giue place, from vs and go:
Bycause, O Father, thy right hande
Wee craue may keepe vs so.
Beholde the wicked nations now,
Against thy people bende,
Their force, and against thee, O God,
To fight they doe intende.
But let, O Lorde, thy holy worde,
Mans threatning powre subdue:
All other things shall passe, but yet,
Thy worde remaine shall true. *Amen.*

An other prayer for the Church of
God, and for the Godly Pastors
and Doctours of the same,
out of the. 84. *Psal.*

O Father, heare our sighes & grones,
Thy Churches dangers see:
Preserue the order, state and stay,
Of thy regalitie.
And plant concorde in Princes harts,
These sweete delights, I craue:
By feruent prayer in Gods house,
A lasting lyfe may haue.

And

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And though there many daungers be,
 Which I must passe and beare:
 For why the wicked worlde stirres vp,
 Novv hatred euery vvhere.
 Yet vvill I in eche place esteeme
 All good men better farre:
 Which be the standerers and honors
 Of this so godly vvarre:
 Then all the kingdomes and the vveth
 Which euill mens liuelyhoods are:
 For vvhy, O God, thy right hand shall
 Defend this fort of thine:
 And neuer vvilt thou once forsake
 Thy flocke at any time.

A Prayer for yoong Studentes, vvhich
 come newly into the Vniuersitie, writ-
 ten by *Phil. Melan.* a fevve daies
 before his death.

Chris̄t the Sonne of the Father eternall,
 Intercessor to thy Father from a reuerēt brest:
 Declarin. to vs thy worde Euangelicall,
 By vvhich to all beleuers thou hast mightily exprest.
 Thy life and righteousnesse eternall manifest:
 And vvhich vvith thy blood hast redeemed vs,

Hearest

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Hearest, reput est, and makest vs righteous,
Manifesting thy Father vnto the Godly,
O Christ instruct our mindes we thee pray
And in our hartes the pledge of graunt
Plant with thy spirite, which Imitate may
Sincere good motions, from day vnto day
In prayer, on thee how to innocate,
And for cuer, vs members of thy flocke make.
That cheerefully wee
May sing all due pray se,
To thy Father, to thee,
And the holy Ghost alwayes.

Phil. Melancthon.

A Prayer for the happy entrance, and
prosperous proceeding of the
Nevve yeare.

THe same wise God which with his word
All thinges at first did make,
And did appoint by due decrees,
The yeare his course to take.
He graunt vs that this present yeare,
May prosperously succede:
And with his mercifull right hande,
Keepe vs in worde and deede.
And for bicause he sent his Sonne,

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His flocke to congregatē:
 Whereof he is the Pastour chiefe,
 The life and worde effate.
 This worde which tooke beginning of
 The Father eternall:
 Vouchsafe be with vs, keepe vs, and
 Be our guide principall.
 The Church can not by humaine strength,
 Secure ynough be stayde:
 This silly Orphane standes in neede
 Of Princely helpe and ayde.
 But thou, O God, didst take on thee,
 By woonderfull couenant.
 Our humaine flesh, euen so thy powres,
 Preserue vs euer, graunt
 And make vs all as one in thee,
 For aye incorporate:
 That we thy glory with true praise,
 For aye may celebrate. Amen.

An other Prayer vnto the Sonne of
 God, that he vwill vouchsafe
 to defende his Church
 and Schooles,

Oh

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OH Christ, I craue of thee intreat
Thy Father in his vvrath
Touwardes vs, vvhich vnto him for vs,
Doest stand our Aduocate.
And suffer not thy holy vvorde,
Displayde abroad by thee:
Pronounced first from Fathers brest,
Defaced for to bee.
Nay yet the zeale of thy doctrine,
Nor yet Sarepta small:
But those that harbour thy holy vvord,
Vouchsafe preserue them all.
And mercifull as thou art Lord,
Graunt glad some peace to vs:
And thou protect both Princes hartes,
And peoples righteous. Amen.

A Prayer vnto God the Father, and vnto God
the Sonne, for the true acknowledge-
ment of God, & for the gyfts of
the holy Ghost.

(downe
W Here thou the worde wast first sent
From fathers seate aboue:

And

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And after wardes than in the fleshe,
 Wast slaine for mans behoue.
 This is the wisdom which was giuen
 To man by speach diuine:
 Which the true witnesse God himselte
 Approoueth from time to time.
 So great goodnesse, and couenants such,
 As these can not be knowne:
 Except, O God, into our harts,
 Thou them infuse alone.
 But thou wilt needes acknowledgde be,
 The worde it selfe sincere:
 And thou sentst this that it shoulde passe
 Forth as thy messenger.
 A pledge thou left the same with vs
 Commaunding it shoulde so
 Remaine as token of thy loue,
 Thy seruants all vnto.
 And thou, O Father, wilt that both
 Thou and thy benefites,
 By faith shoulde be receiued of vs,
 Thy children Israelites.
 Therefore, O Christ, thou sonne of God,
 Giue to vs we thee pray:

The

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The knowledge of thy Father, and
Of his sonne alway.
And out of thine into our harts,
Disperse such flames of loue:
That they may with true honour praise
Thy name, O God, aboue.
And graunt thy Church with concorde may
Encrease, and stablisht stande,
That with one voice, thy praise and gifts
May sounde, by sea and lande. Amen.

The Prayer, of the two Disciples of
Christ, going to Emaus. *Mane
nobiscum Domine.*

Luc. 24.

Now doth approach the darksome night
O Christ vvith vs remaine:
And suffer not thy splendant light,
To be esteemde as vaine. Amen.

A thanks gyuing for the good cu-
stody and preseruations of
the good Angels o-
uer vs.

We

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WE render thanks Creator chiefe to thee,
 For that thou hast ordainde thy flock so pure
 Of angels, which thy ministers shoulde bee
 As flames of light, to garde thy servants sure.
 Which glittering with the beames of thy cleare light,
 Doe see thy presence with most glad some eyes.
 And here thee speake, which art the Fountaine right,
 Of wisdom whence their sollace doth arise.
 And neither dost thou vacant these permit,
 Nor all in vaine to wander here or there
 Amids the heauens, where they doe rest, nor yet,
 With wauering winds to sport theselues eck where.
 But thou commaundst these Christs associates,
 Should present be to maintaine and defende
 All congregations Godly, and their states.
 Thy lawes to learne and honor which pretende.
 For why the furious irefull Serpent fell,
 That boyleth hatred in his rancorous hart:
 Which first was cause of sinne, of death, and hell,
 Turmoiles him selfe thy tents for to subuert.
 To Churches he, and nations giues attempt,
 All monuments quite to overthrow:
 Of thy lawes, and good life to make exempt,
 From euery house and place on earth below.
 But in meane time the flocks of Angels bright,
 Their Captaine chiefe which Christ doe imitate:
 Doe garde vs safe with diuine powre and might,
 And doth refell the raging Serpents hate.
 The Angels Loth in Sodome did sauegarde,

The

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*The man of God Eliseus by name:
By Angels kept, was saved from hazarde,
And feared nought the warlike broyles untame.
In safety slept Danyel the Prophet, when
With Angels garde emironed was he.
So by these his seruants God doth euer than,
Preserue all things that to vs proper be.
This benefite therefore Creator deare,
With one accorde in thee we celebrate,
To thee our spirits, and melodious quire.
Together singing thanks shall decantate.
And in thy Church most hartily pray we will,
Thy watchfull Angels vnto vs to sende:
And to thy people which embrace yet still,
Thy Sonne his sacred worde vnto their liues ende.*

*A Prayer vpon that saying. I will poure
out vpon the house of Dauid, my spirit of
grace and Prayers. Zachary.
12. Chapter.*

O Christ, thou sayst I will poure out
On Dauids flocke my spirite:
Which of thy Gospeil euer was,
A sociate most fit.
That this by Gods great working grace,
Might manifested bee:
And that eche one should come to Cod
In

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In prayer not waueringly.
 And thou cōmandst with earnest minds,
 This gift, require we should,
 Affirming it, that to bestow e
 On such the same thou would.
 We therefore in thy promise Christ,
 Trusting of thee doe craue:
 Let thy Gospell, this sacred spirite,
 Hir sole associate haue.
 Let this shine in vs for to frame
 Our hartes vnto thy lawe:
 Which by Gods promise, is vs giuen,
 That we may truely knowe
 Thee for the'ternall Father, and,
 That motions good may dwell
 In vs, whereby as we are taught,
 We may loue thy Gospell.
 And that this blazing spirituall flame,
 May vs vnite to thee:
 And to thy Father, we doe pray
 God, our new lyfe may bee. Amen.

The confession of Iacob.

Gen. 32.

K.j.

Oh.

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OH gracious Father, I confesse
 Mee wholly vnto thee:
 To simple and vnworthy, for
 Those gifts thou hast giuen mee.
 Which, O most gentle God performst,
 So oft thy pardons grant
 To mee, as oft as I offende
 In sinnes so abundant.
 And doest besides accumulate,
 Thy other graces great:
 Of thy goodnesse, whose number I
 Can not at all repeat.
 Graunt therefore I may myndfull be
 Of these, and thanke thee then:
 And that these gifts thou giuest me,
 May profite other men. *Paul. Eber.*

*A Prayer for the conseruation of
 Gods Church.*

LYke as the Sea, with boystrous winds
 Is forst to surge and swell:
 So alwayes states of kyngdomes haue
 Their sundry daungers fell.
 But farre more greater griefs doth nowe
 This

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This later age sustayne:
Wheron the Turkysh crueltie,
Is scene to rage & mayne.
Yet can no fury this confound,
We pray thee Christ theretore:
Preserue vs which doe learne thy lawes,
In thy ship, euermore. Amen.

Another Prayer vppon thys saying.
*Thou hast behelde mee in the likenesse of a man,
which art the mightie God on high.*

1. Paralipomenon. 17.

Chapter.

MOST louing Christ which in the forme
Of man, beheldest vs:
And notwithstanding art our God,
Creator, marueylous.
And on our frayle humaine nature,
Hauing compassion:
Pardonest our faultes, eternall ioyes,
And, vs bestovvest vpon.
With thākfull harts, vve sing due praise,
For these good graces thine:
Beseeching thee, teach and protect,
Vs vvith thy light diuine. Amen.

k.ij.

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*A Prayer taken out of the blessing of
the people of Israel. Num. 6.*

O Christ our Sauour chiefe I pray
Thee, blesse thy chosen flocke:
Amidst the daungers of this lyfe,
Sauegard them as a rocke.
That vve may see, thou vvilt bestovve
Thy selfe vpon vs so:
Thee for our Father, and our God,
That vve may surely knowve.
So as if thou doe mercy take
On vs, then are vve sure:
Thy sauing helth shall visite vs,
Which doth for aye endure.
Graunt therefore, thy mynde pacified,
And fatherly countenance:
To shovve vs so, that through thy loue
All things may prosperous chance.

A Grace or thanks giuing be-
fore Meate.

O Christ in vs these meates and gifts blesse thou,
That by thy will our feeble corps they maye
Sustaine: for foode, doth not life nourishe now,
But thy pure worde, makes during life for aye.

Grant

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*Graunt both these foodes to vs therefore,
That we may praise thee euermore. Amen.*

A Grace or thanks giuing af- ter meate.

Refreshe nowe that our hungrie bodies bee,
And time requires from table to dismisse:
O mighty Father thanks we render thee.
Though foode digest, yet in sufficient this
To strengehen vs or nourish vs, now is:
Except these corporall feeding gifts of thine,
Be fostered by thy mighty helpe deuine.

For through thy grace all thinges sustained line,
And by thy breath eche thing doth flourish faire.
Vouchsafe therefore our thankfull bodies giue
Such sustenance and nourishment eche where,
As of thy meate immortall taste doth beare.
That is thy worde, and sacred Gospell pure,
Which once digested well, doth ay indure.

And for because we are thy onely care,
Good Father, humbly we thee pray therefore:
Preserue vs, and prosper eche our afare.
Direct eke and protect vs euermore.
And as of sustenance thou sufficient store
Hast giuen vs, Father, graunt we humbly pray,
A strength sufficient here vnto alway.

Graunt this that we may praise:
Thy holy name alwaies. Amen.

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A Prayer vppon the 51. Psalm. For the
forgiuenesse of our sinnes, and for the
renuyng of Gods holy spirite in
vs, as also for the continuall
encrease of Gods graces
toward his Church.



As thou art mercifull, O
God, to those that are in
misery, as thou art gentle
& gracious to them that
are brought lowe, and as
thy louyng fauour endureth for euer: so
I beseech thee, raise me vp that haue fal-
len, and haue merciful compassion vpon
me, which poure out my prayers vnto
thee, whilest I lye thus bewayling my
sinnes before thy presence. And as thy
clemency is full of mercifull fauour, yea
as thy hart is fraught with manyfolde
bountie: So vouchsafe thou to blot out
all presumptuous offences of thys my
lyfe, & take away from me all that hea-
uie burthen of my sinnes, wpe away al
filthye

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filthy cogitations and motions from my frowarde hart, and make me pure and cleane before thee from my faultes. For acknowledging the sinnes of my lyfe, I tremble in confessyng the same: and I am so moued with repentance, that it grieueth me to think how wicked I haue bene: Yea, the resemblance of myne offence is euer before myne eyes, and my owne vyce or lewdenesse stry- ueth with me euery where. Against thee onely haue I sinned, before thy face haue I committed those things, which make me guiltie before thee, & to trem- ble for feare: My offence maketh mee subiect to the rigorous sentence of thy heauy iudgement. But yet so hath my fraile nature fallen from thee, so hath my errour pluckt me away, that I am com- pelled to appeale vnto thy mercyes, and not to doubt of thy gracious pardon. But, true it is, that all mortall mens hartes are prone to transgresse agaynst thee, yea, euen those whom thou takest pleasure

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pleasure in, thou hast renewed and purified them. And this happeneth to the end that thou mightest be reputed righteous in thy iudgements, which reprovest and rebukest all of sinne, and doest thy selfe onely forgive their sinnes: that thou mightest convince the tongues, that speake blasphemies of thee, whilst they denie that thou wylt of thy owne goodnesse pardon those that haue fallen from thee. Beholde, I was borne in iniquitie, and in sinne hath my mother conceived mee: For thou reioycest in the speech of him that uttereth truth, neyther do glorious wordes vnder any shadowed colour please thee. No dissembling gorgeous demeaner in outwarde show is acceptable vnto thee: but thou lovest the unfayned sorowes of the inwarde hart: And thy wisdom, which is not knowne to the foolish world, by thy owne onely giuing it to mee, is knowne vnto mee, that I might vnderstand the diuine misteries of thy worde, and that my fayth
myght

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myght bee stedfast in thy promises . O
 God purge me with Wsope, and I shall
 thenceforth be made cleane, as in times
 past the same hearbe at thy commaun-
 dement tooke away contagious euilles
 from the Israelites. Let thy grace deli-
 uer mee wretched sinner from so great
 trespasse, which is of power, to rayse vp
 them that are miserably fallen: wpye
 thou away the diseases of my mynde:
 take thou away the foolishnesse of my
 hart, the popson of my vice and wicked-
 nesse. Then I which sticke fast all defi-
 led with filthy sinnes, shal haue my hart
 washed more cleaner and whyter then
 the Snow: than shall the sweete grace
 of thy worde be pleasant vnto mee: than
 shall I feele true consolation: than shall
 my bones which before was grieuously
 shaken with feare, reioyce and be glad.
 O turne away thy face from my sinnes,
 which can not abyde the sight thereof,
 and blot out the huge quantitie of myne
 offences. Create O God, a cleane & pure
 hart

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hart in mee, a hart without any blemish,
 and a heart altogether voyde of offence.
 And with thy diuine spirite, reue the
 inwarde partes of my mynde, so that I
 may alwayes be ruled and directed ther-
 by. Shut me not silly wretch from thy
 fatherly countenance, neyther cast mee
 away from thee as one worthily guiltie
 of eternall death: Neither suffer thy ho-
 ly spirite to depart from mee, which by
 thy appoyntment doeth sanctifie our
 hartes. Restore vnto mee, thus fallen
 from thee, the assured swete comfortes
 of thy sauing health, that I may take
 hart of grace vnto me by meanes of thy
 helpe: and gyue mee such courage and
 strength of mynde, as is altogether ig-
 norant howe to offende thee, which al-
 wayes loued thee with true and vnfa-
 ned loue. So shall I teach thy comman-
 dementes vnto such, as haue swarued
 and declined from thee, so that they shall
 haue a desire to walke more safely in the
 knowne way. Yea, and therby also, shall
 sinners

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sinners take occasion to be soꝝy foꝝ, and
repent them of theyꝝ sinnes from the
bottome of their harts, & to studie howe
to liue voyde of all maner of offence:
Hea the multitude that before tymes
haue presumed to practise wicked lyes
against thee, shall acknowledge that all
saluation proceedeth from thee: the gnil-
tic shall humblye craue pardon of thee,
and shall continuallye with thankfull
mouth prayse thy mightie name. O my
God, take and deliuer me out of the hor-
rible paynes of death, thou that art the
perpetual hope and welfare of my soule:
that thou openyng my mouth, and fra-
myng my voyce, my tongue may ope-
lye magnifie thy righteousness & shew
foꝝth thy prayse: giue mee foꝝce of vtte-
rance, that I may with perpetual praise
magnifie thy holy name: Foꝝ if thou
hadst leuer haue sacrifices offered vnto
thee, I would giue them to thee. But y
takest no pleasures in burnt offerings:
a broken and contrite hart, sorowynge
foꝝ

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for sume, is sacrifice acceptable vnto thee. This doest thou not cast away at any tyme: this doest thou neuer despise, if it adioyne it selfe with a firme sayth, making supplications and prayers vnto thee. This moreouer, with my whole hart, do I humbly craue of thee O God, to defende and preserue the holy members of thy kyngdome: Be thou careful for the due honor of the high hil of Syon, from whence issueth y^e cuerlasting fount of thy holy Worde. Graunt that thy Church beying prosperously stablished, may daily increase, and more and more prosper by thy helpe. Let the excellent voyce of thy wholesome holyc worde, sounde farre and wyde abroad, and let heauenly loue gaine vnto hir the godly disposed hartes of men: Then shall the nations of the earth perseurme vnto thee the oblations of righteousnesse, and shall bring forth frutes of true godlynesse. These sacrifices, O God, shalt thou allowe for most acceptable, for thy
 Sonne

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Sonne Iesus Christes sake. To whom
with thee and the holy Ghost, be all ho-
nour, praise and glory, for euer. Amen.

A Prayer for the Church of God, taken
out of. *Esay. 63.*



I mighty God, Creator
of Heauen aboue, and of
the Earth belowe, thou
which wast God, ere all
things were made which
hadst life without beginning, & art one
God without ende, onely mighty & per-
forming all good things, which art our
Father, & reioycest to shew thy fatherly
fauour towarde vs, which guidedst thy
selfe guide the nation of faithfull Israel,
by thy fatherly loue, safely without dan-
ger, through the redde Sea, when they
fled from the tyrannie of king Pharao,
and drownedst the saide Pharao, and all
his host. Euen so likewise, we beseeche
thee O Father, succour and defende thy
Church, which at this day is persecuted
and

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and oppressed with so huge an host of enemies, being tossed nowe hither nowe thither. Direct aright y^e harts of princes and they^r people, and cyther conuert or confound the enemies therof, accordyng to thy good pleasure. And thou Sonne of God, vouchsafe as a most myghtie Captayne to delyuer thy chosen flocke, out of all dangers and deceit, which is layde for them by the enemy. And thou, O holye Ghost, by thyne inspiration, breath into our hartes sincere and good motions, and strengthen our courage against them that persecute vs. O eternal God in trinitie, our onely Captaine and conquerour, bring present helpe vnto thy Church, so grieuously tossed with troubles, and defend thy cause: Let thy glory haue the vpper hande: for whilst thy holy precepts & commaundements are sincerely published amongst thy professed people: there is not onely one Pharao alone, that threateneth sworde and drowning of thy people. Strengthen
there

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therefore, we beseeche thee, our myndes,
graunt that our hartes may be through-
ly sorrowfull for our sinnes : teach vs by
fayth to conquer & ouercome, and that
with godly zeale and confidence in thee,
we may vanquish and abandon all trou-
bles that disquiet thy Church. To the
ende that the same which is now oppres-
sed by raging tyrants, may be able quie-
tly to beare the yoke which is layde vp-
on hir, and that thee being a conquerour
by suffering, and through peace honou-
ring thee, & reuerencing in thee all those
mysterics of thy diuine worde, may call
again, as it were, into hir owne native
soile, all those that are purged by the fire
of persecution for thy sake, out of this
cruell and wicked world : And so at the
length forsaking the earth, may attayne
vnto heauenly felicitie, through Christ
our Captayne & guide. To whom with
the Father and the holye Ghost,
be all honour, and glory,
for euer. Amen.

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